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GREAT AIR BATTLE OVER CHANNEL TWENTY RAIDERS PAY PENALTY

MR. M.K. LO AND THE DEAN

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo writes to the "China Mail" this afternoon as follows:

"With reference to the report which has appeared in the Press concerning the remarks I made at the Finance Committee yesterday, and particularly to the statement I made that I had been informed that the women were weeded out by Dean Wilson and Mr. Houston on the advice of two ladies from Hong Kong, Dean Wilson was kind enough to see me this morning.

"He informed me that both Mr. Houston and he were responsible for putting in strict alphabetical order the lists of names supplied to them by the Director of Evacuation, and tabulating the information supplied on those lists. Further, that this information was demanded by the Consul General in Manila and was supplied by the Director of Evacuation from registration forms.

No alterations or additions were made after leaving Hong Kong, except the occasional spelling of name inaccurately spelt. Dean Wilson accordingly made it absolutely clear to me that the statement that he and Mr. Houston had been responsible for the weeding out was absolutely untrue and further that the implication that they were responsible through this discrimination for sending people to places which were not fit places to send anyone, was completely false.

"Knowing both Dean Wilson and Mr. Houston very well, I was not in the least surprised to get their version of the facts.

Inquiry Desirable

"I had hoped that my position in the matter was quite plain. In view of the numerous complaints which reached me I felt strongly that it was not only in fairness to those who laid the complaints but also to Dean Wilson and Mr. Houston that an inquiry by Government should be made and I accordingly pressed Government to hold such an inquiry.

"I did not prejudge the matter in any way and the last thing I would do would be to 'condemn' people before they had an opportunity of being heard. I hope that this public statement will make my position clear. I myself make no accusation against anybody and that I gladly accept what Dean Wilson told me.

"But I still say that in their interests as well as in the interests of those who had complained, Government should hold an inquiry and publish their findings."

MINISTER SACKED

It was announced in Tallin yesterday that the Estonian Minister in London has been dismissed from his post.—Reuter.

Hundreds of Planes In Furious Action

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON EARLY THIS MORNING THAT 20 GERMAN PLANES, 11 BOMBERS AND NINE FIGHTERS, WERE DESTROYED YESTERDAY WHEN HUNDREDS OF BRITISH AND GERMAN PLANES FOUGHT FURIOUS BATTLES OVER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.

The air war flared up with a new fierceness, and in shooting down twenty Germans, five British fighters were lost; the pilots of two of which are known to be safe.

The fighting lasted for a long time and there were times when the sky seemed to be blacked with battling planes.

All anti-aircraft batteries along the South-East Coast were in action almost incessantly and the German raiders dropped many bombs at many points.

It is believed that most of the enemy planes were shot down in flames by British fighters during a raid on a convoy by over fifty dive-bombers escorted by an equal number of Messerschmidt fighters.

The dive-bombers attacked the convoy three times.

It was by far the biggest day of raids on the South-East Coast and it began with an attack on shipping in the Channel by eighty enemy planes which flew over the coast at about noon.

Several bombs were also dropped inland on the cliffs by the raiders which were driven off by gunfire from the ground and by British fighters. Little damage was caused and no ships were hit.

Biggest Battle

The day's biggest battle was fought later when fifty dive-bombers attacked a convoy of over twenty small cargo vessels.

The first warning of the dive-bombers' approach was given by the roar of the A.A. guns. The bombers were seen to be flying on a straight course from the direction of the French coast at a high altitude, stepped tier by tier, with the fighters above them.

Scores of British fighters streaked across the sky to ward them off and were instantly engaged by the enemy fighters while the dive-bombers circled low seeking a position (Continued on Page 16)

GERMANY'S LATEST INFAMY

COMMENTING THIS morning on the sinking by a German torpedoboat of the French liner Meknes, the London "Times" says: "This in itself is another example of callous German brutality at sea regardless of who is the victim of the moment.

"But if it had been specially designed to demonstrate to France that she must expect from her conqueror neither good faith nor justice but only contempt and carelessness of what happens to her sons, it could hardly have been planned otherwise.

"There could be no more convincing demonstration of the evil against which we fight or the need to continue the struggle without cease until it is won."

The "Daily Telegraph" describes the action as Germany's latest infamy in its campaign of indiscriminate murder at sea.

The newspaper adds that French soldiers abroad are

threatened by the Nazis with persecution of their families if they remain to continue the fight, yet when they attempt to return home they find themselves sunk at sight on the high seas.

The "Daily Express" says the Nazi torpedoboat deliberately murdered Frenchmen on the way home. France is no longer at war with Germany but that did not matter.—Reuter.

500 BRITISH FASCISTS ARRESTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Since the outbreak of war 500 British Fascists have been arrested, the Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson, told the House of Commons yesterday.—Havas.

SHANGHAI TERRORISM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The special meeting of the Consular Body which took place in Shanghai yesterday was adjourned until next Thursday without passing any resolutions. Special means of repressing terrorism in Shanghai will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. A. E. Long, secretary of the Consular Body, stated the meeting decided not to publish any of the questions raised for discussion until actual resolutions are passed at Thursday's meeting.—Havas.

Salzburg to report on Russo-Turkish negotiations. Diplomatic quarters attach great importance to his visit.—Havas.

'DEAD MAN' TURNS UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

David Coster, 32-year old American ambulance driver with the American Field Service, arrived in Lisbon yesterday. He was one of four Americans reported killed on May 23, but he says that they were actually captured and taken to Brussels as German prisoners. Later, they were released. He believes that the others are safe but still in Brussels.—Havas.

VON PAPEN FLIES FROM TURKEY

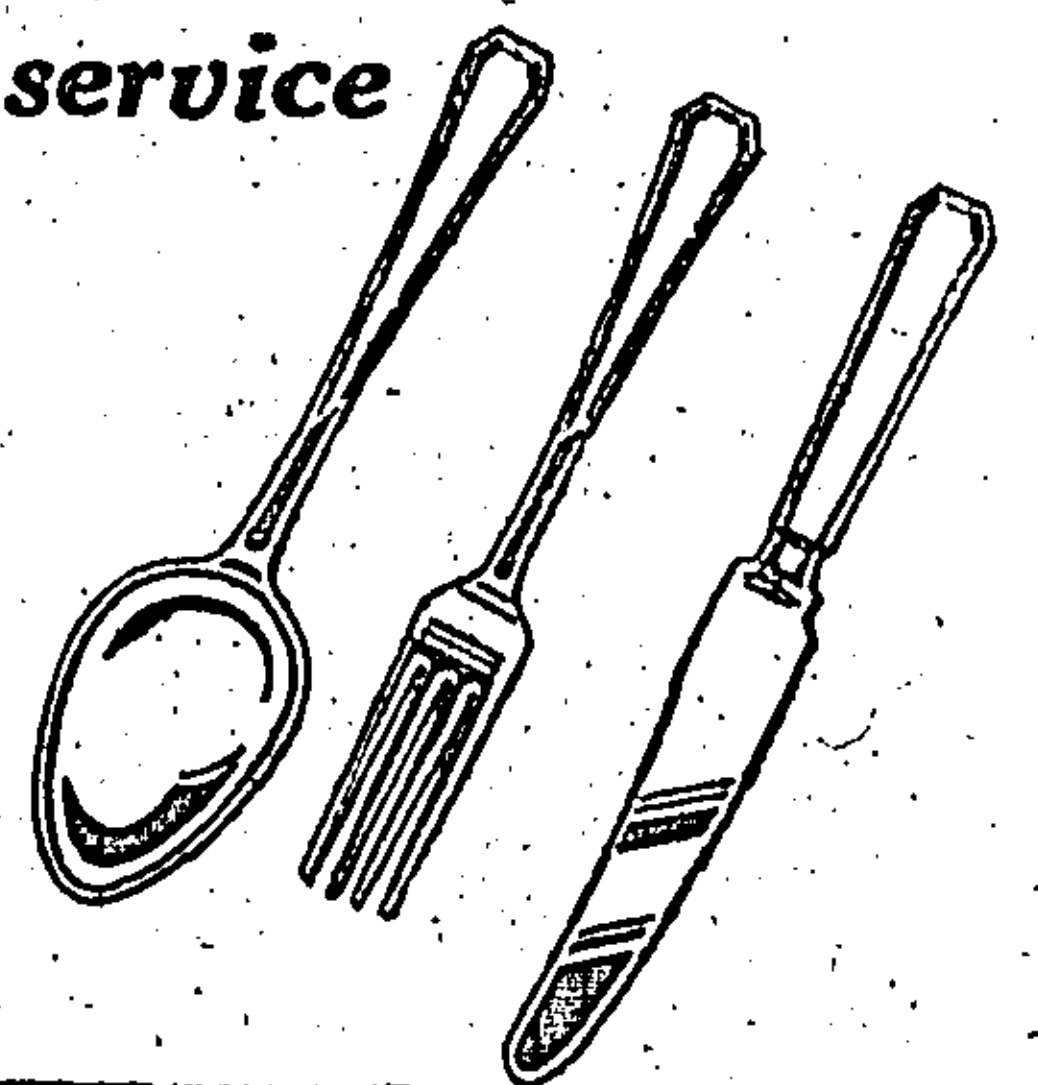
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Fritz von Papen, Nazi Minister to Turkey, has left by plane for

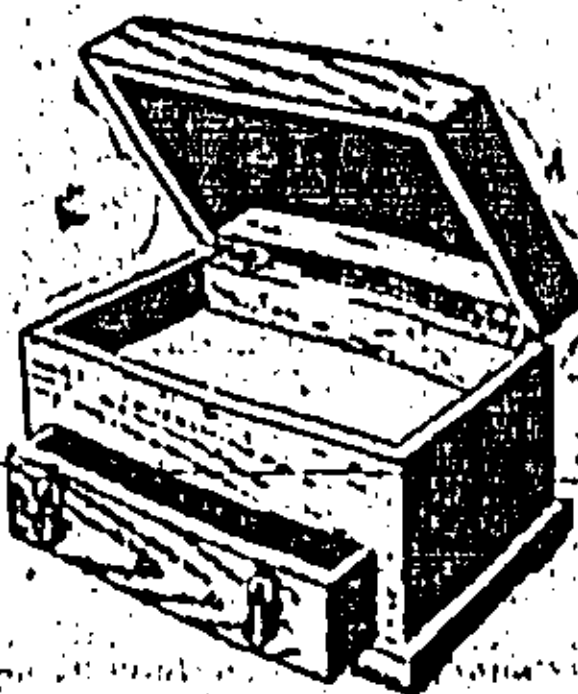
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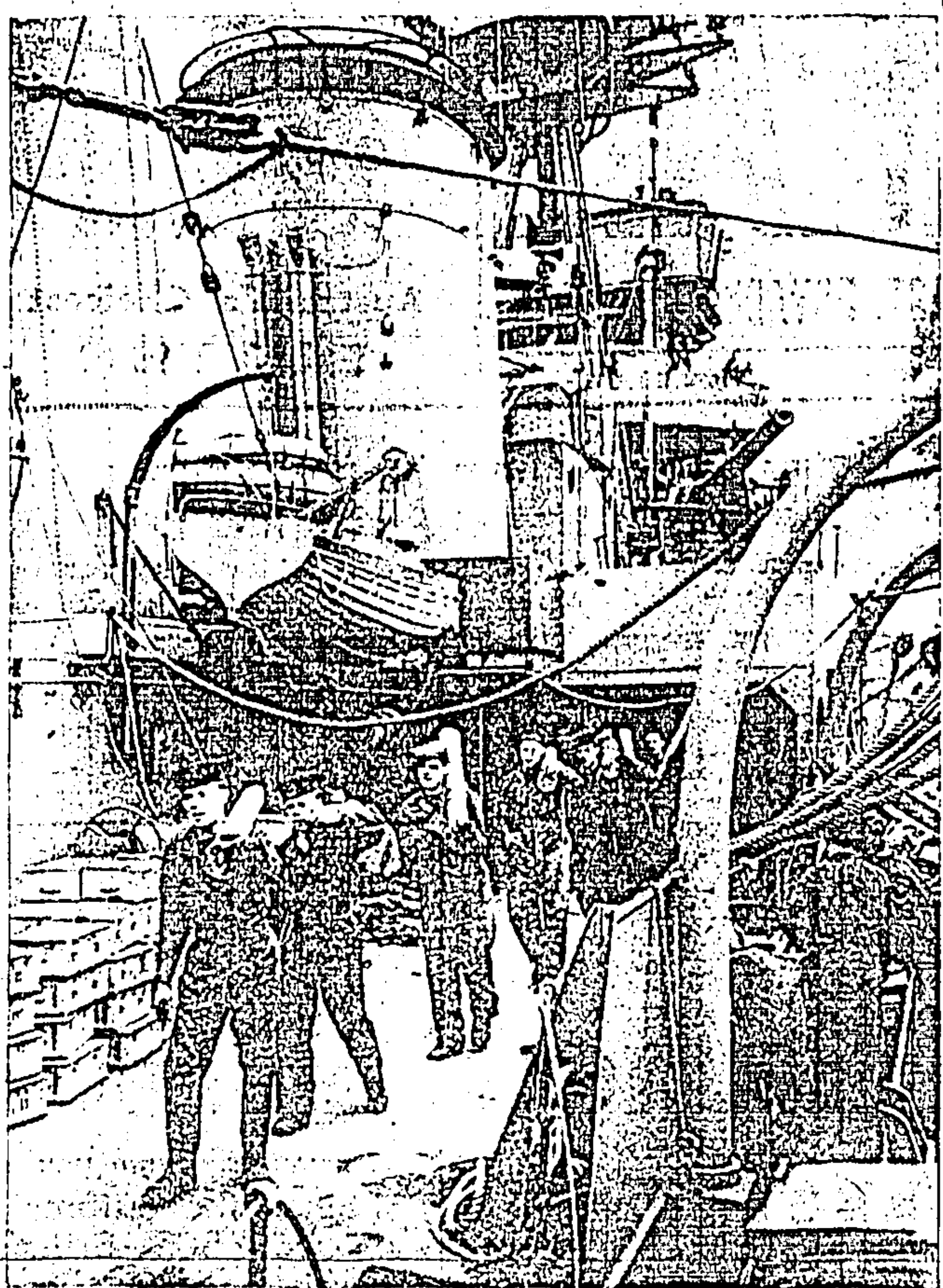


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Sunk At Anchor At St. Nazaire With 5,000 On Board



One man to a shell—an ammunition-carrying party transferring shell from a lighter on board a cruiser before proceeding to sea for another spell of duty. This is only one of the vast preparations which have to be made when a ship gets home to refit. (Copyright, Fox).

2,477 Known To Have Been Picked Up

THE SINKING OF THE CUNARD-WHITE STAR LINER, LANCASTRIA, WITH OVER FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN REFUGEES ON BOARD, CAME TO LIGHT IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

She went down, it is officially disclosed, off St. Nazaire (not at Dunkirk) during the final evacuation from France, and 2,477 survivors are known to have been picked up.

Aboard at the time of her sinking were, it is estimated, 5,300 persons, including soldiers, and many civilian refugees.

It is, however, stated that the actual number of those who survived the disaster may have been much larger than those rescued by British vessels. Others may have made their way ashore and fallen into the hands of the enemy.

There is great difficulty in estimating what are the exact or likely figures in view of the difficult circumstances under which the evacuation was taking place.

Sunk At Anchor

The Lancastria was sunk while still lying at anchor having just completed embarking personnel for evacuation.

After surviving half an hour's ineffectual attacks by aircraft, she was struck by a salvo of bombs and immediately took a heavy list.

This severely hampered the launching of the ship's lifeboats.

She capsized, and finally sank within half an hour of being struck.

The majority of the survivors were picked up by small craft which were engaged in ferrying other personnel from docks to troopships.

Some, however, managed to swim and wade ashore in the shallow water.

The survivors all paid tribute to the magnificent courage displayed by the ship's crew and all ranks at the time the ship was struck.

"Roll Out The Barrel"

As the ship went down, the Tommies sang "Roll out the barrel" and "There'll always be an England."

Women and children refugees jumped overboard only to be machinegunned by the raiders.

Survivors said that when the Lancastria heeled over, men clambered on the side, believing she would remain afloat, but within 30 minutes she sank suddenly and all these men were thrown into the water.

When the Lancastria sank oil poured on the water and most of the men who survived were swimming in oily water for an hour before being picked up.

When landed they were in a pitiful condition; most were barefooted, many were clad only in blankets, and the majority were dazed.

Badly Injured

Scores of badly injured men were brought ashore on stretchers and every available ambulance was needed for two or three hours to take the wounded to hospital.

An officer said the men were magnificent. They were so tightly packed aboard that they couldn't move. When the plane came over the men just jeered.

When the bombs struck, some were killed by the force of the explosion but there was not the least sign of panic and as the ship heeled over those who were not thrown into the sea clambered on her side and actually began to sing, but when they heard the cries of men in the water, the singing suddenly stopped.

Dreadful Sight

When the ship suddenly sank it was a dreadful sight to see all the heads bobbing about in the water.

A cook described how one soldier, blinded by the force of the first explosion, was led to the ship's hospital. As the doctor was attending to him a second bomb exploded, killing all in the hospital, numbering a dozen, including the doctor.

Another survivor said that after the ship sank an almost solid mass of men were clinging together, covered in thick oil. Some were terribly burned by the explosion.

Three enemy planes continually swooped and bombed and machinegunned the men struggling in the water.—Reuter.

ALEXANDRIA RAIDED

ALEXANDRIA WAS RAIDED YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO A NAVAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO, BY A SMALL NUMBER OF ITALIAN AIRCRAFT.

The planes made their appearance in the early hours of the morning and dropped a few bombs including incendiaries.

The bombs were dropped indiscriminately and caused only minor damage. One person was killed and seven injured.—Reuter.

BRITISH AGREEMENT WITH SPAIN

It was officially announced in London last night that an exchange of Notes was signed on July 24 between the Portuguese, Spanish and British Government regarding the acquisition by Spain of wheat for her own use and of Portuguese colonial products.

To facilitate payment for the latter, Britain has agreed that purchases to the value of £600,000 can be paid through the Anglo-Spanish clearing.—Reuter.

ONE PLANE -130 ROUNDS

In one of the recent dog-fights around Britain during the past day or so, a British pilot had only time to fire about 130 rounds—a very short burst—at the German fighter before it burst into flames.

The German pilot did not have to climb out of the machine. He was flung out—and so was a rubber dinghy.

When last seen, he was in the sea, swimming towards the dinghy.—Reuter.

INDIAN TRADE COMMISSIONERS

According to the all-India Radio yesterday the Indian Government is considering a proposal to appoint Trade Commissioners in Australia and South Africa. Efforts are also being made to expand trade with North and East Africa.—Reuter.

MORGENTHAU EXPLAINS 3,000 PLANES PROJECT

THE U.S. SECRETARY of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, stated in Washington yesterday that the United States had pledged "every facility" to enable the British Government to buy 3,000 aircraft a month in addition to the huge orders previously placed.

The new arrangement would require the construction of new factories and the British had promised to pay for these factories and their output.

The Treasury and the War and Navy Departments were in complete agreement on this commitment. The production member of the Defence Committee, Mr. Knudsen, would work out the details.

New factories would give the United States capacity to build far in excess of the 50,000 aircraft a year mentioned by President Roosevelt in his defence message on May 15.

Remarking that "the British seem to have plenty of money," Mr. Morgenthau added: "The sums involved are colossal." He declared the British authorities proposed immediate action so that they could meet the delivery of 3,000 aircraft a month during 1941 and 1942.—Reuter.

GOERING'S AID!

Field-Marshal Goering has helped the British Red Cross financially!

No, he has not gone generous or anything—but 350 guineas was raised in London yesterday by the auction of two books formerly owned by the Field-Marshal. Both were heavily marked in blue pencil by his own little hand.

The books are entitled "Secrets of the Elders of Zion," and "Bolshevism, from Moses to Lenin."—Reuter.

JERUSALEM WAR PLANE FUND

The English newspaper "Palestine Post," of Jerusalem, has opened a fund for the purchase of fighter planes. At the end of the first day, £2,800 had been subscribed.—Reuter.

TURKISH VOTES FOR DEFENCE

The Turkish National Assembly, meeting in Ankara yesterday, voted new extraordinary credits of nearly £13,000,000 for land, air and naval forces and other national defence needs.—Reuter.

"The doctor told me I shouldn't!"

"I'll lose my career...and my figure!"

"My husband says we can't afford one!"

"I'm worried. This is my first!"

"I'll have a murderess for a mother!"

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SUNDAY AT THE KING'S

HEAT DRIVES JAPANESE OUT OF TOKYO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Unprecedented heat in Tokyo yesterday drove more than 300,000 residents to the seashore and up to Mount Fuji. Over 35,000 climbed the mountain, setting up a record.—Havas.

THE SPIDERS AND THE FLIES

ROME RADIO STATED YESTERDAY THAT THE RUMANIAN MINISTERS, M. GIGURTU AND M. MANOIILESCU HAVE ARRIVED AT SALZBURG WHERE HITLER AND COUNT CIANO, THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, RECEIVED THEM.—REUTER.

GUARANTEE FOR SPAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
It was officially announced in London yesterday that Britain is guaranteeing Spanish purchases of wheat and Portuguese colonial products under a tri-partite agreement reached yesterday. The guarantee was the subject of an exchange of notes at the Portuguese Foreign Ministry yesterday.—Havas.

MR. MORRISON'S PICTURE OF BRITAIN AFTER THE WAR

SPEAKING AT THE Trade Union Club in London yesterday Mr. Herbert Morrison paid a tribute to Union workers in the arms industry. Their unsparing efforts had made history during the past few months.

The speed up in an intense form of long hours, Mr. Morrison said, was a short term measure and neither in the interest of workers nor of maximum output. Long working hours had been cut down in Royal Ordnance Factories and in none of them was a seven long day week now being worked.

He hoped and believed similar modifications would be extended to the 1,500 private factories working under Government control.

Were this accomplished it would bring to a close the first chapter, and one on which British working people could look back with deep pride, in the story of how Britain organised for victory.

The Second Chapter

"The second chapter will, like the first in one respect at least, its main theme will be concentrated on the effort to increase arms output by every possible means. Modifications of individual working hours in a factory will mean not relaxation but intensification of personal effort. The aim must be a rise and not fall in factory output."

A number of additional permanent steps were being taken to this end, he added, amongst which was the reconstitution of Area Boards in such a way as to include representatives of a Trade Union and management no longer in an advisory capacity but to take executive action.

"What I hope we may be beginning to shape on the anvil of war is our own particular British form of co-operative society. The free partnership of freely active groups in which there is no room for mutual attempts at exploitation or for sharply differing levels of social economic opportunity."

Spirit Of Unity

Such an ideal will be found practicable only if a spirit of un-

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TIGHTENING BLOCKADE

Reuter's lobby correspondent states that Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, is expected to announce in the Commons next Tuesday a more comprehensive check on goods which may be intended for the enemy or that constitute enemy exports.

It is believed the blockade will be simplified by the extension of the navicert system over a very much wider area than at present. This would have the effect of facilitating neutral trade while releasing naval forces for other duties.

Under the new scheme vessels are likely to find that the approach to many ports hitherto free, or exit from such ports, carrying enemy exports, will be difficult unless a navicert has been obtained in advance.—Reuter.

THE LATEST GERMAN outrage is the sinking by torpedo of a 6,000-ton French liner while she was on her way from England to France with nearly 1,300 Frenchmen who had elected to return home and take no further part in the war.

Announcing this in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that she was one of several French ships used under the terms of the armistice for the repatriation of French naval officers and men.

The French Government was told in advance of our intention to send the men back in French ships.

The ship left Southampton on Wednesday for Marseilles with nearly 1,300 officers and men on board. Care was taken to make her nationality clear. She flew the French flag and had the French colours painted on her sides; she was fully illuminated at night and the navigation lights were lit.

According to information so far available, she was stopped at 10.30 p.m. by a German motor torpedo-boat, which fired on her without warning. Passengers and crew were given five minutes to take to their boats and during this time the German boat fired fresh bursts every time the ship tried to signal her name.

The torpedo-boat then torpedoed her; she sank in five minutes.

Tonnage Trebled!

Mr. Alexander said that he had just learned that the German High Command had admitted responsibility for the sinking in a communique which stated that a German speed launch off the south coast of England, south of Portland, had sunk a "large armed merchant ship of 18,000 tons by torpedo."

The ship's tonnage, it will be noted, was trebled!

Mr. Alexander went on to say that British warships and aircraft were sent at once to the scene and so far had saved about 1,000 survivors.

It was too early, he said, to say for certain how many French lives were lost in this deliberate and callous attack on a ship whose non-belligerent character was obvious, but it might be as much as 300.

Leaflet Raids

The House would wish him to express its sympathy with the dependants of those who had fallen victims to the German method of conducting sea warfare.

In reply to a Labour M.P., Mr. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, said that the Government would see that the French people were fully informed of this outrage.

It would, incidentally, make an excellent addition to the leaflets the R.A.F. is now dropping over France to tell the French people what their German overlords do not wish them to hear.

The men on the ship were each given a leaflet before they left, declaring that a British victory was the only hope for the greatness of France and the freedom of her people—and, it might have added, ridding the world of the dastardly Nazi methods.—Reuter.

Other Survivors

Of about 1,000 survivors rescued by British naval forces and landed in England, 120 officers and 41 men are in hospital and the others are being cared for in naval establishments.

There is now reason to believe other survivors may have made for the French coast.—Reuter.

Admiralty Story Of Sinking

An Admiralty communique describing the sinking of the Meknes says she was repatriating French-

AMERICA STOPS OIL SHIPMENTS

Mr. Morgenthau, American Secretary of the Treasury, announced in Washington yesterday that two shipments of oil from America to Spain had been stopped because the cargoes appeared to be destined for Germany and Italy.

He declared that the action had no relation with reports that Britain was trying to prevent oil from reaching Germany through Spain.—Reuter.

GERMAN COMMUNIQUE

A Berlin High Command communique claims: "One of our speedboats south of Portland sank a large enemy armed merchant ship of 18,000 tons by torpedo."

It also claims that industrial plants in various parts of the United Kingdom and an aircraft factory at Weybridge was bombed.

The communique added: "Total enemy losses yesterday were 10 planes. Six of our own planes are missing.—Reuter."

A rabbit and two guinea pigs were stolen from the Animal House of the University last night.

At 10.55 p.m. the Meknes was hit by a torpedo and she sank some minutes later.—Reuter.

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DEBATE ON BUDGET

A FEW BRICKS TO FILL UP A WALL--SAYS THE CRITIC

ON THE RESUMPTION of the debate on the budget in the House of Commons yesterday, Sir George Broadbridge said that the City of London would approve the Chancellor's proposals and give them support.

Mr. Clement Davies (Independent), discussing the problem of filling the gap between revenue and expenditure, said that the budget was not enough; it was not more than a few bricks when a whole wall was wanted to fill the gap.

The main solution must come through control of production. All labour and capital, equipment, stocks and materials, not required for the maintenance of a standard of living necessary for health and morale, must be used for defence purposes.

The production of non-essential goods should be prohibited and the expenditure on essentials rationed, and the tremendous surplus of capacity thus created must be employed by the State in war production or exports.

Mr. A. P. Herbert, in a characteristically humorous speech, protested against the tax on books.

Outsiders Impressed

Mr. Crookshank, Financial Secretary of the Treasury, replying said that comments from the United States and Dominions showed that outsiders were impressed not only by the size of the burden the Chancellor was asking the House to approve but also by the way his speech was received, as showing the determination of the British people to defend the country.

Mr. Crookshank pointed out that while a year ago half a single man's income was taken from him if his taxable income was £17,000, now half would be taken at approximately £5,500, while in ranges of taxable income over £25,000 what was left to the taxpayer now was in practically every case half of what was left last July.

For example in the case of an income of £25,000, what was left last July, after deduction of all taxation, was just under £12,000. Now the amount left was just under £6,000.—Reuter.

ITALY FEELING SHORTAGE

From the beginning of August, Tuesday will be a meatless day in Italy, according to the German News Agency, quoted this morning by Reuter.

It may be noted that Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are already meatless days.

Another order, says the D.N.B. Rome message, provides that bread in restaurants will be restricted to five and a quarter ounces per person.—Reuter.

U.S. TO RESCUE STRANDED AMERICANS

The State Department in Washington announced yesterday that the United States army transport, "American Legion," is leaving New York immediately for Petsamo to remove stranded Americans.—Reuter.

CUBAN IDEA FOR BELLIGERENT POSSESSIONS

AGAINST THE UNITED STATES plan for a collective mandate over foreign possessions in the Western Hemisphere the Cuban delegation at the Pan-American Conference is urging that where action is necessary, the colonies of European belligerents in the New World should be temporarily entrusted to the care of a neighbouring nation to be agreed on by the Conference.

HOLLAND & HAVANA MEETING

Dutch circles in London stated yesterday that Netherlands diplomatic representatives in the American countries had been instructed to explain the attitude of their Government towards the proposal to establish a joint protectorate over possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

They are of opinion that the proposal does not apply to the Netherlands since the Netherlands Government, far from being under German influence, are exercising full and independent authority over non-occupied parts of the kingdom.—Reuter.

Under the proposal, colonies would be absolutely free to decide whether they wished to set themselves up as new republics or be annexed by another American nation.

The various plans for checking attempts inspired from abroad to establish "unacceptable" systems of government in the Americas do not include military measures, but one proposal calls for the curtailment of privileges enjoyed by diplomatic and consular representatives.

Formulation of economic measures to curb foreign influence in the New World will, it is believed, be postponed until the delegates meet in Washington.—Reuter.

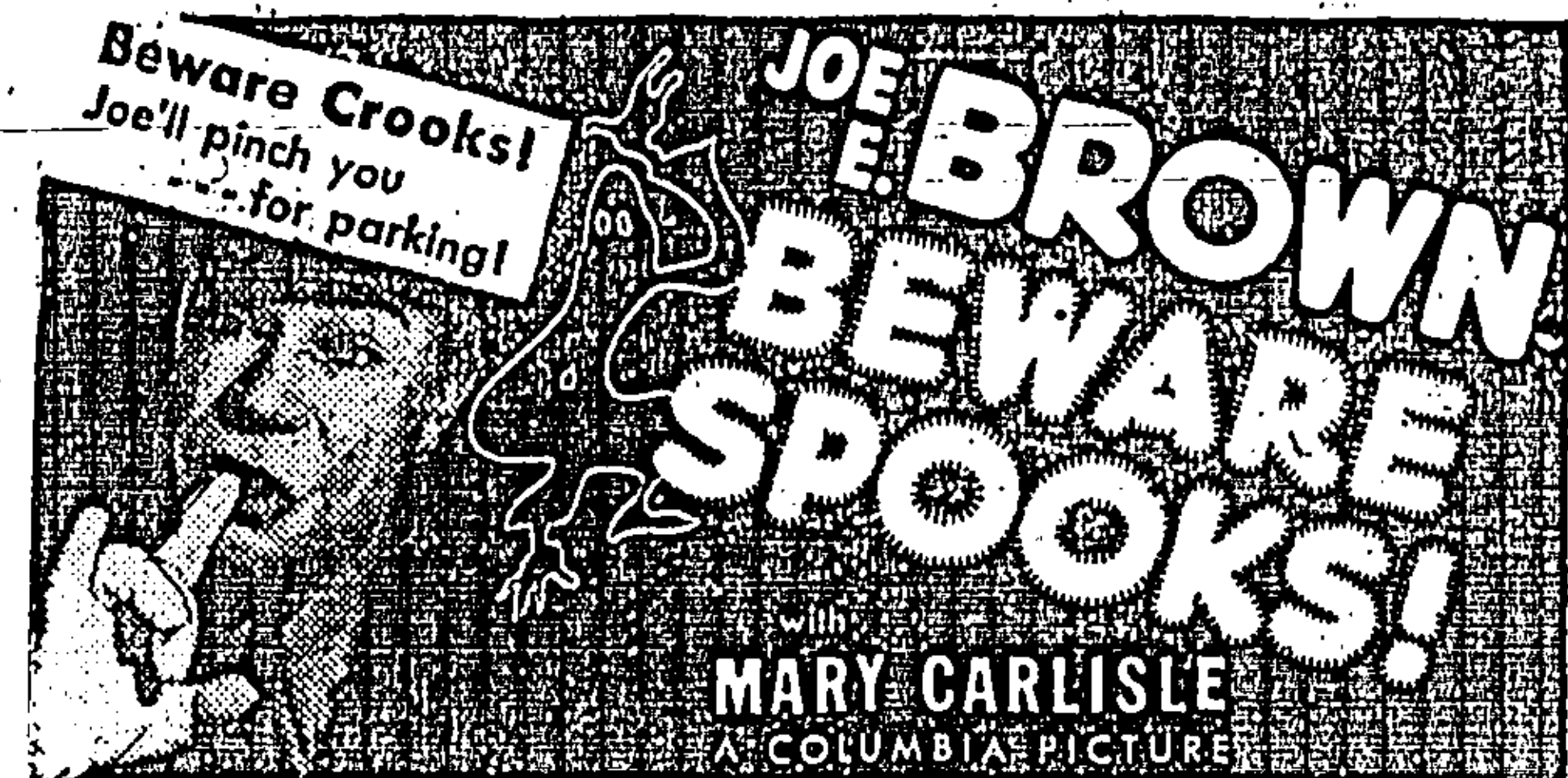
DUTCH MEN AND WOMEN ARRESTED

Published in Berlin yesterday was a message from The Hague stating that several hundred Dutch colonial officials on leave, both men and women, have been sent to a concentration camp because of alleged ill-treatment of German subjects in the Dutch colonies.—Reuter.

Alleged to have been stabbed in the back, Lau Shiu-yeung, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday afternoon. The alleged assailant has not yet been traced.



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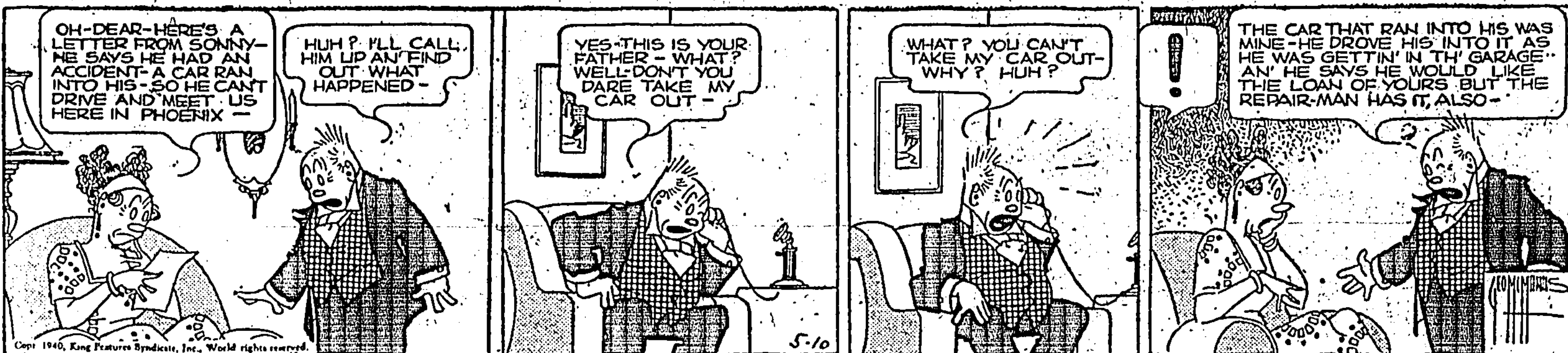
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Bringing Up Father



188 GERMAN PLANES DESTROYED SINCE JUNE 18

FIVE GERMAN AIRCRAFT brought down around Britain yesterday made the day's bag roughly an average one, for, since June 18, a total of 188 have been brought down. Twelve were brought down on Wednesday.

A "fresh count" has now been taken by the British press. The result is an unofficial one, but is based on successes claimed in official communiqués.

The "count" shows that since the war began, raids on Britain and on shipping routes around the coast have cost the Germans over 260 planes, against the loss of 35 of our fighters.

In addition, of course, the Germans have lost a much higher number in the fighting in Holland, Belgium and France.

The loss of planes is less serious for Germany than the loss of trained crews, and there are indications Germany is beginning to lack trained reserves.

The official German news agency yesterday announced that a campaign to encourage German youths to volunteer for the air force and anti-aircraft defences will soon be started.

The age of these youths was not stated, but crews of German

planes shot down in England have included boys of 16 and 17 years of age.

1,000 Raids

The R.A.F. has made over 1,000 raids over Germany and German-occupied territories during the past three months, half of them since the surrender of France a month ago.

The German Fleet has also suffered. Since the beginning of the war, no less than 66 raids have been carried out against the German Navy.

One result has been that the Germans have been considerably hampered in their attempts to organize mass attacks from aerodromes in Holland, Belgium and France and from bases they hoped to establish in Norway.—Reuter.

SECRET SESSION

Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, announced in the Commons yesterday a secret session on foreign affairs next Tuesday.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S DOGGED CONFIDENCE

Reuter has just cabled an article by Mr. Lloyd George in the "Sunday Pictorial" last Sunday entitled "We will win through."

The veteran Liberal leader says: "The people of this island thoroughly appreciate the gravity of the challenge."

"I have inquired in many quarters and in many directions as to the general attitude of the people of these islands towards the situation in which they are placed."

"There is no panic, no fear and, on the other hand, no illusion. Everyone is conscious they are in for a bad time and may have to pass through many trials and face many errors and sacrifices but shall win through in the end."

"There is general calm and composure and a quiet resolve permeates the whole population. There is no defeatism. Leisurely ineffectiveness has vanished. Incomparably more energy is being thrown into preparations."

—Reuter.

FRENCHMEN IN RUMANIA ARRESTED

Nine French managers and technicians employed in the Rumanian oil industry were arrested by the Rumanian police yesterday. All were mentioned in the recent Nazi White Book alleging an Allied plot to sabotage the Rumanian oil industry.—Reuter.

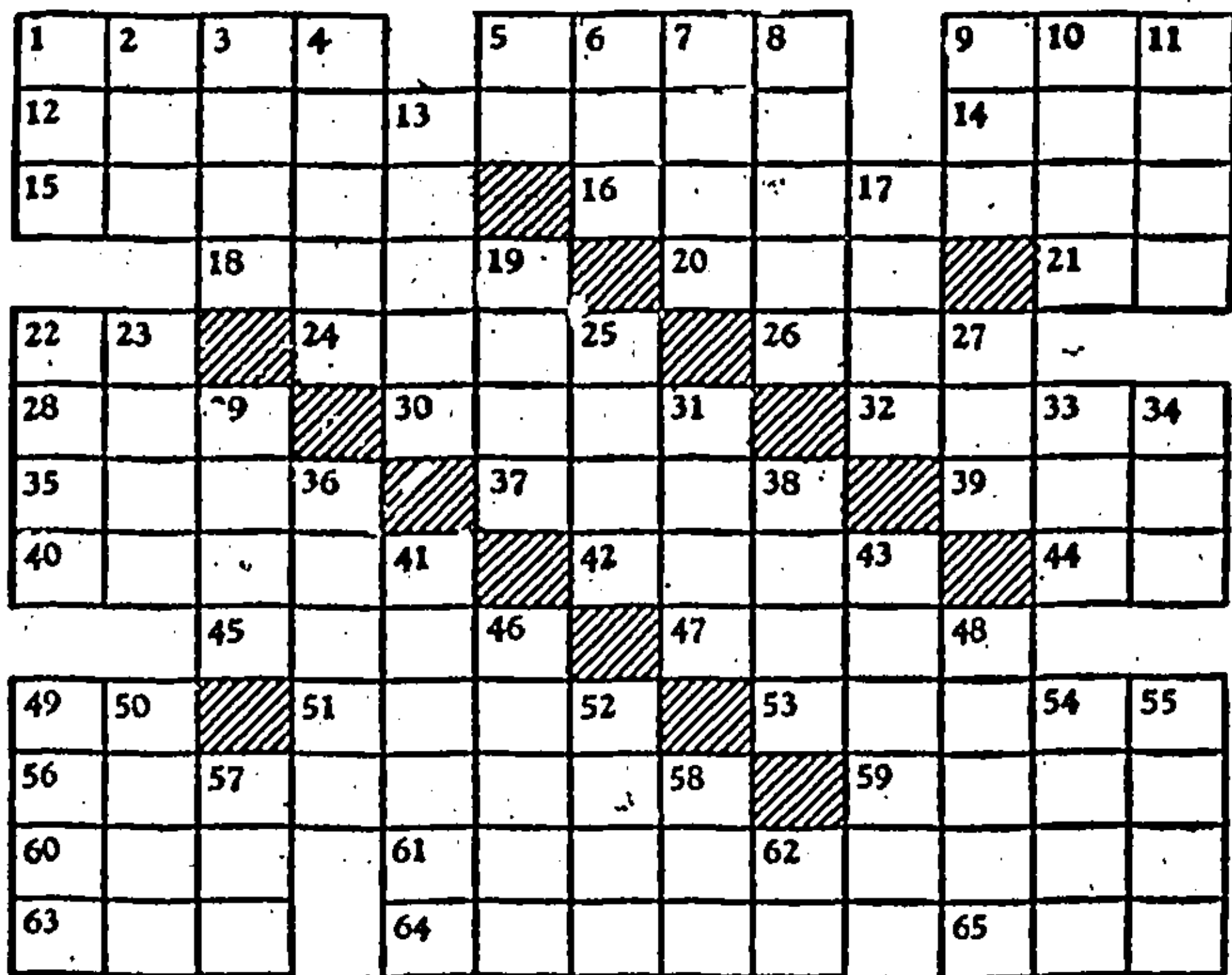
WALL COLLAPSE TRAGEDY

A contractor's coolie was killed yesterday afternoon when a newly constructed wall collapsed on him in Tongmei Road near the junction of Bute Street.

Mrs. W. N. Fleming, of No. 81, Kimberley Road, has reported the theft of a wrist-watch, valued at \$100 and a \$1 banknote from her residence. The theft took place between 9 p.m. on Wednesday and 9 a.m. yesterday.

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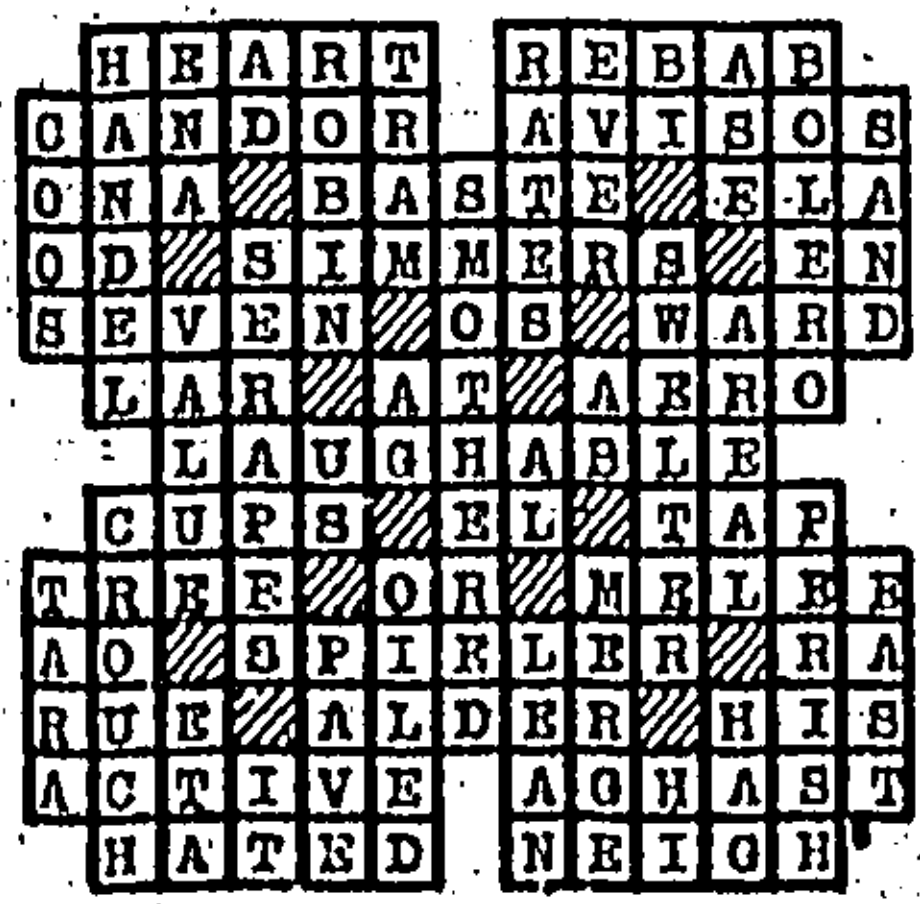


- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Epic poem
 - 5 English noble
 - 9 To purchase
 - 12 Homesickness
 - 14 Beverage
 - 15 Fablemaker
 - 16 Insect's feeler
 - 18 Winglike
 - 20 Precious stone
 - 21 Land measure
 - 22 Symbol for samarium
 - 24 Scandinavian explorer
 - 26 To tear
 - 28 To recede
 - 30 South-African Dutch
 - 32 Vehicle
 - 35 Doubling of a cord
 - 37 Narrow opening
 - 39 Golf term
 - 40 Frenzy
 - 42 Additional
 - 44 Symbol for tellurium
 - 45 Pieces
 - 47 Sort
 - 49 Preposition
 - 51 Girl's name

- 53 To grind together
- 56 Periods of instruction
- 59 Archaic: to
- 60 High note
- 61 Dubious
- 63 Music: high
- 64 Bristles
- 65 Optic

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Girl's name
 - 2 American writer
 - 3 Bones
 - 4 Took illegally
 - 5 Spanish article
 - 6 Turkish magistrate
 - 7 Circle
 - 8 Afterwards
 - 9 Prohibition
 - 10 Arm bone
 - 11 Twelve months
 - 13 Separated
 - 17 To give forth
 - 19 Inlets
 - 22 Being
 - 23 Arabic: father
 - 25 Unruffled
 - 27 Soft substance
 - 29 Carried
 - 31 To watch
 - 33 Indian memorial post
 - 34 Anger
 - 36 Jabs
 - 38 Neat
 - 41 Careless
 - 43 Boredom
 - 46 To cure, as meat
 - 48 Ball
 - 49 On the ocean
 - 50 To recount
 - 52 Dull
 - 54 To remain
 - 55 Cavity
 - 57 Posed
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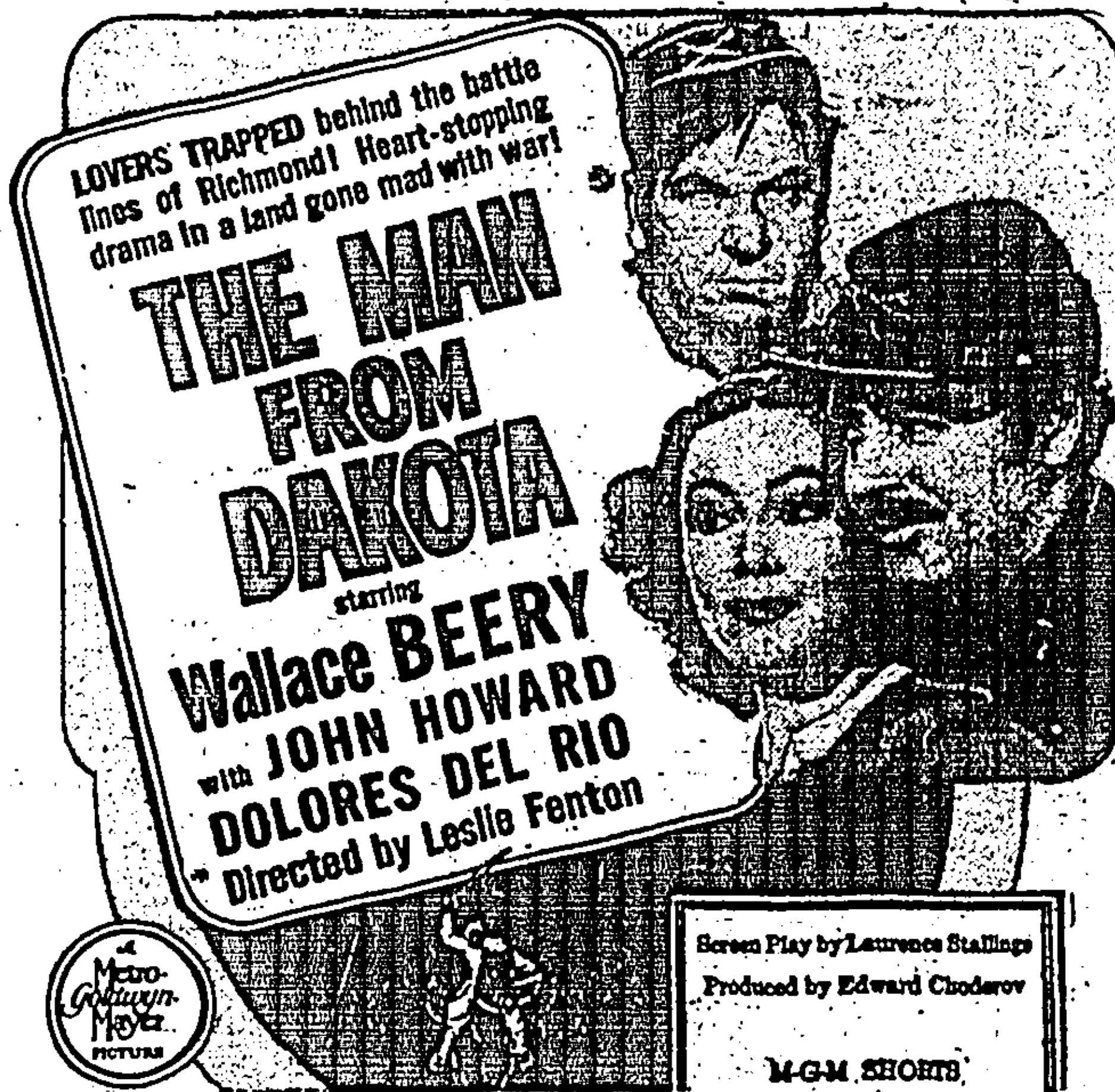
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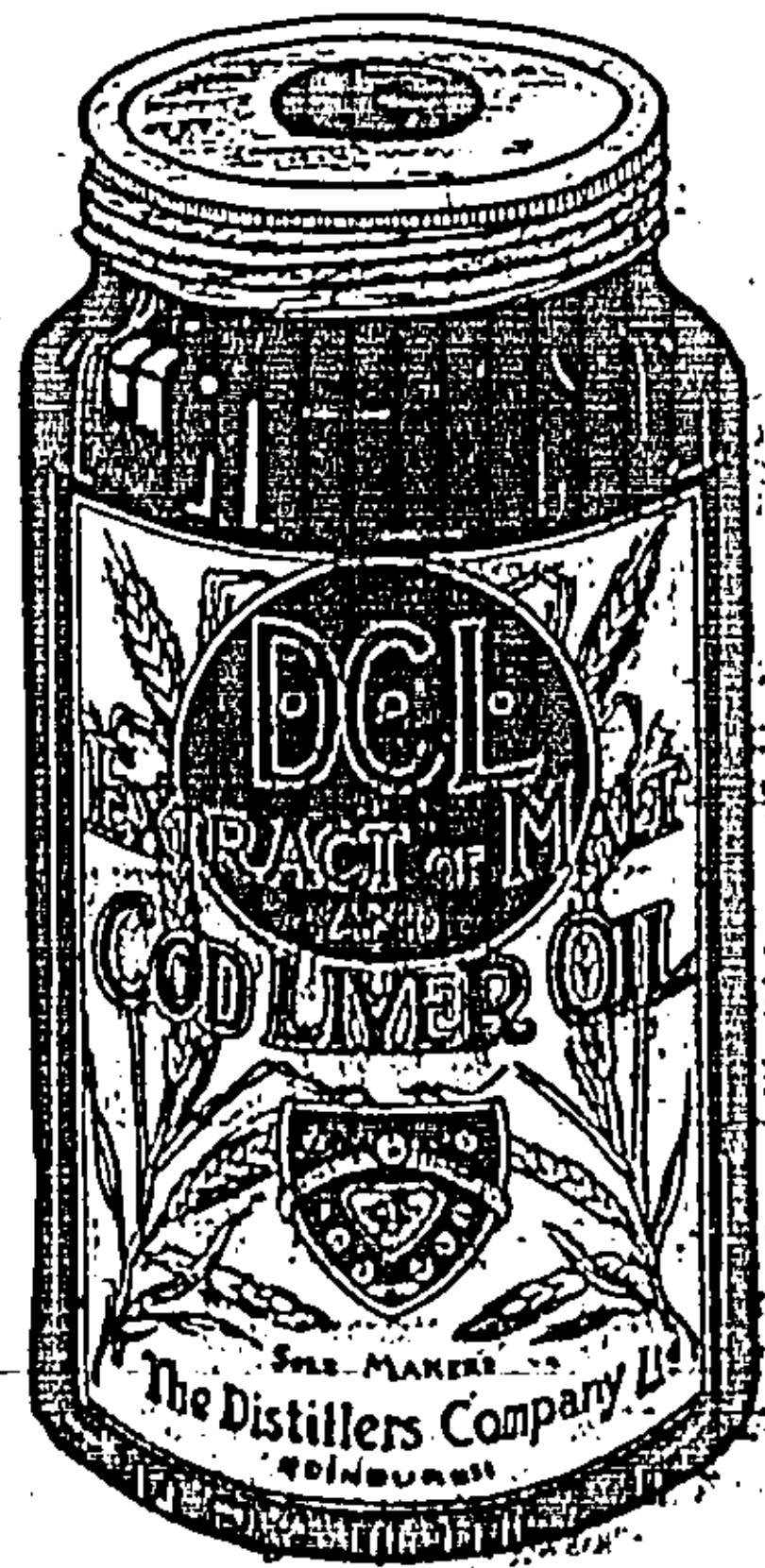
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WASHINGTON BELIEVES KONOYE WILL PLAY SAFE

THE PLACING OF petroleum and scrap metal on the list of goods for which export licenses are required has caused considerable satisfaction in Washington circles interested in Far Eastern affairs who are surprised that they were not included in the earlier list.

Whatever the motivating factor it is felt the Administration's action, plus the stoppage of tankers going to Spain, strikes a blow, whether intentionally or otherwise, for the Democracies and against the aggressors.

It is felt also by some observers to be an indication that the President, now that more urgent domestic matters culminating in the Party Conventions are past, is again devoting more attention to foreign affairs in line with his known feelings as expressed at Charlottesville and in his acceptance speech.

Washington has been reading with interest the statement of Prince Konoze which is taken in the American capital to indicate that Japan will play safe and will act cautiously in international affairs, and that the recent strong German persuasive efforts in Tokyo have not been successful.

Little Surprise

Prince Konoze's attitude has caused little surprise in Washington.

A rather lower value is usually placed in Washington than in London on Japanese threats and alleged intentions to act drastically.

Apart from the much debated point whether there is any moderate element in Japan, Washington believes there is still much division within Japan — important elements pulling in different directions, however similar their ultimate objectives — and that the unification which will provide the totalitarian necessity of instant, unthinking obedience to one single political head of the State has not yet arrived in Japan. — Reuter.

R.A.F. ON TOP IN LIBYA

R.A.F. headquarters in Cairo yesterday announced that a highly successful raid was carried out during the day by Blenheim bombers on Dernia, in Libya.

Over fifty enemy fighters and bombers were found on the ground.

All our bombs fell among them causing considerable damage.

Fighter patrols of five Gladiators, protecting the return of our bombers, encountered seven enemy fighters and shot down five into the sea.

All our aircraft returned safely. The R.A.F. in Cairo also announce that the fighter reported missing in a communique issued earlier in the day had been found and the pilot is safe. — Reuter.

AIR RAID DURING KING'S INSPECTION

The King spent ten minutes in an underground shelter yesterday when an air raid started when he had just finished inspecting new extensions to a big barracks on the South Coast.

Men and boys whom the King had been inspecting immediately marched in orderly fashion to the shelters.

The King, with the Admiral Commanding-in-Chief entered his car and drove slowly to a shelter cheered by marching men as the car passed them. — Reuter.

RAIDING IN THE RAIN

AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE IN LONDON, YESTERDAY STATED THAT HEAVY RAIN, THUNDERSTORMS AND SEVERE ICING CONDITIONS HAMPERED OUR BOMBER OPERATIONS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Despite this the docks at Emden, Wilhelmshaven and Hamburg, aircraft factories at Wismar and Wenzendorf and the seaplane bases at Borkum and Texel, were attacked. All our aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

Worst of Weather

Reports from pilots taking part in the raid show that some of the worst weather yet encountered in the summer was over-

THE BORDER BATTLE

THE "CHINA MAIL" WAS AUTHORITYTIVELY INFORMED THIS MORNING THAT CHINESE TROOPS AND THE JAPANESE FORCES IN THE AREA BETWEEN SHUMCHUN AND LINTONG CLASHED ON WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The battle broke out at 3 a.m. and firing did not cease until 6 p.m.

Since then there has been no signs of further military operations between the two forces, the Chinese having apparently withdrawn.

Some Chinese troops, in regular Chinese Army uniforms, were observed from the hillside on the British side of the border, during the operations.

The border this morning was described as "absolutely quiet."

QUEEN WILHELMINA TO BROADCAST

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands will open a new Dutch broadcast programme on Sunday at 7.15 p.m. B.S.T., facilities having been placed by the B.B.C. at the disposal of the Dutch Government for a daily broadcast. — British Wireless.

come.

One bomber was hit by a flash of lightning which momentarily blinded both the pilot and navigator while the aircraft itself was shot up some 600 feet.

The wireless set in another bomber was made red hot by lightning. Other instruments were made temporarily unusable and a compass switch started which took 40 minutes to settle down. — British Wireless.

NO MORE BOTTLE PARTIES

Wide powers to deal with "bottle parties" and other night haunts in London which are considered to be undesirable are contained in a new Defence Regulation.

Police throughout the country are now empowered to close offending premises altogether or between certain hours. — Reuter.

ITALY NOW WANTS PALESTINE

According to a report reaching the Jewish Telegraph Agency in London, the campaign launched by the Italian Press suggesting the inclusion of Palestine in the Italian Empire is one of Italy's war aims.

The Italian Government, says Reuter this morning, is reported to be seeking to induce the Vatican to demand "the Catholic Holy Land."

The Rome paper, "Tribuna," publishes a detailed plan for the administration of Palestine after the war on lines similar to Albania.

The newspaper proposes that all Jews shall be evacuated from Palestine in mass, and says that the Jewish problem can only be solved by new dispersals of Jews to sparsely populated territories. — Reuter.

EXTRADITION CASE

Extradition proceedings was brought against Lew Kim-yuen, alias Yee Suey-gat, alias Jew Slew, 43, before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, when he was accused of unlawful sale and distribution of opium, and unlawful importation and sale of opium dross, within the jurisdiction of the State of Oregon, U.S.A.

Chief Detective Inspector Murphy asked for a week's formal remand, which was granted.

THIEVES TURN UP WITH LORRY

Chan Sum, 31, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with larceny of 21 iron girders, the property of the War Department, on July 24.

The girders were inside the R.A.S.C. camp. On Wednesday, defendant and several others took a lorry to remove the girders. A coolie recognised the party and informed the authorities. Defendant was arrested in an opium divan.

The case was adjourned.

THREE TRAWLERS SUNK BY BOMBS

An Admiralty communique yesterday, announced that H.M. trawlers Kingston, Galena and Rodino have been lost as the result of enemy air attack. The next of kin of casualties have been informed. — Reuter.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, and monopoly analyst in the Import and Export Department, has reported the theft of a rattan basket containing clothing from his car parked outside the Hong Kong Cricket Club, Chater Road, between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. yesterday.



EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK

Feminists in Great Britain have been heartened by the winning of a victory, though not a conclusive one, in their long battle for "equal pay for equal work." The Industrial Court has given a decision that women over twenty-one after six months' service as war-time omnibus and tram conductors are to have the same wages as men.

The decision is not a settlement of the whole question at issue because it is binding only for war-time and only for those engaged in passenger transport. It does not, for example, affect the Civil Service, where it has been a long-standing grievance of women that they receive less pay than men, nor does it apply to ordinary industrial occupations where women are generally paid less, not on the ground of their sex, but that they are doing work of a different grade.

The case of the bus and tram conductors was a clear-cut issue. A woman working for an hour on a tram cannot issue fewer tickets to the passengers than a man. She cannot make fewer starts and stops. The trade union maintained that her work in this business was identical with a man's, and the Court accepted the view—and went further by deciding that equality of work must be rewarded equality of pay.

Stated in these terms the doctrine is difficult to resist. But the opponents of women's claims have been wont to reply that what women are really demanding is equality of pay for work that is not equal. The issue to some extent has been clouded by prejudice, and it is above all things this prejudice that feminists in Britain have been contending against.

WHAT YEAR?

Hitler's seeming boldness in consoling the German public for delays in the blitzkrieg against England by further advancing the date set for the triumphal entry of German troops into London may be easier of explanation than at first appears.

The date first chosen for German acclamation was August 18, 1940. The date next announced was August 1. And then July 27.

There is a notable omission, however, from both dates subsequently announced. They do not define the year!

Italy's Fighting Power

An Army Weakness

By Brigadier General John Charteris, C.M.G., D.S.O.
The organisation of the Army of Italy follows the ordinary European model. The liability to serve in the armed forces is universal, and extends from the age of 21 years to 35 years. The initial service for all arms is for eighteen months with the colours. The men then pass to what is termed unlimited leave and is in effect the reserve. As the population of Italy numbers approximately 41,700,000 the total number of men who can in theory be called to the colours would be about 4,200,000. There is, of course, nothing like enough arms or equipment for them all.

The Army is divided into two main groups, one for home service, called rather curiously the Metropolitan Army, and the Overseas or Colonial Army. The Metropolitan Army serve directly under the War Minister and the Colonial Army under the Minister for Italian Africa. Both these offices are at present held by the Duce. The Army has a permanent cadre of approximately 200,000 men organised into nineteen army corps, including one armoured army corps and one motorised army corps. Over and above these army corps there are three divisions of carabinieri, approximately 52,000 men. These are a sort of military police with full military training up to battalion training.

The armoured army corps comprises two armoured divisions and the motorised army corps two motorised infantry divisions. The 17 normal army corps have 51 ordinary infantry divisions, five divisions of Alpini, and three so-called mechanical divisions. These mechanical divisions differ from normal infantry divisions only in that motor transport takes the place of horse or mule transport. There are, in addition, some 24 battalions of Bersaglieri (now a sort of motorised infantry) and some 63 anti-aircraft battalions. In all there is a grand total of approximately 159 battalions.

COLONIAL FORCES

The overseas garrison, according to the establishments at the beginning of the war, comprised some 35,000 men in Libya, some 60,000 men in Abyssinia and Somaliland, and some 3,000 in the Aegean Islands. The force in Al-

bania is not accurately known, but probably does not consist of more than two divisions.

There is one important branch of the Italian Army of which full detail is difficult to obtain. This is the "chemical section," which devotes itself to the study and practice of gas warfare and which came into considerable prominence in the Abyssinian campaign.

Curiously enough, the training system of the officers and higher ranks of the Italian Army follows more closely that of the pre-war British Army than that of any other European Power. There are two military colleges at Modena and Turin which correspond fairly closely to the Royal Military Academy and the Royal Military College in Great Britain. All officers are drawn from these two colleges. The ages of entry to each are from 17 to 23 years. For the higher training there is an engineer training school, organised with some similarity to our School of Military Engineering at Chatham, a gunnery school, and a Staff college.

MATERIAL RESOURCES

On paper this organisation would appear to give the Duce control of a formidable military machine, and it would be unwise to underestimate its possibilities. One thing is certain. The resources of Italy would not enable the available man-power to be equipped and supplied on anything like the scale of the German or the French model. The number of tanks in the Italian Army is limited, and she would find it exceedingly difficult to replace tanks lost in the course of fighting. It is, of course, also common knowledge that there is a deficiency in Italy's supply of oil and petrol.

It will probably be found that Italy will place more reliance on her Air Force than on her Army. It is not possible to have any very definite opinion as to its efficiency. It has accomplished some notable flying feats, and there appear to be many capable airmen in the force. But have they "the spirit" which quickeneth? In Spain, where they had, of course, no air resistance and very little anti-aircraft fire to meet, they brought off some accurate and effective bombing, but they have not been tried anywhere in the air against reasonably efficient opponents. There is certainly no reason to have any qualms as to the result when they are opposed to the proved efficiency and dash of the British or French Air Forces.

Obsolescent Planes

By Major F. A. de V. Robertson
Italy is the only Power besides Britain which has an Air Force separate from the Army and the Navy. Regia Aeronautica is its Italian name. As the idea of a separate flying service was copied from Britain, so was the uniform. The colour and general arrangement of the Italian uniform are almost identical with those of the R.A.F. though the badges of rank are different and are gilt in colour.

When I was in Venice in 1927 to see the race for the Schneider Trophy (won that year by Flight Lieutenant Webster in a Supermarine seaplane which was the forerunner of the Spitfire) I could hardly distinguish at a little distance an officer of the R.A.F. from one of the Regia Aeronautica. Those Schneider contests showed us that the best Italian pilots are very good, and the sporting relations between the British and Italian officers. They also showed that the Italians have a great admiration for the R.A.F., which they still regard as the best fighting air service in the world.

NO AIRCRAFT-CARRIERS

Italy has not followed Britain's lead in allowing her Navy to maintain an air arm of its own. The Regia Aeronautica has to work for the Navy, for the Army, and, when necessary, on its own. One reason for this is that Italy has not built any aircraft-carriers. Her Air Force is organised for a Mediterranean war, and the argument is that where shore-based aircraft can be used they are bound to be better than ship-borne aircraft. As the whole of the Mediterranean is within the reach of Italian bombers, using the chain of air stations at Rhodes and in the Dodecanese, in Libya and on Pantellaria, as well as in Italy and Sicily, there is no need for ship-planes of inferior performance.

Signor Mussolini is Minister for Air. The Under Secretary is General Francesco Pricolo, who is considered a highly efficient staff officer. The Regia Aeronautica, however, made its greatest impression on the world when it was under the direction of Air Marshal Italo Balbo.

The Schneider contests impressed upon us that Italian designers

are very clever, and also that they often have original ideas, some good, some not so good. Italian production is not yet worked up to anything like the scale achieved in Germany or in Great Britain. Consequently the best Italian squadrons are a long way ahead of the rest in equipment, and the average figure of merit cannot be very high. There are great numbers of machines in service, but probably the majority of the types used are obsolescent. Efforts have been made to re-equip squadrons with modern types, but the process cannot have gone very far as yet.

The Italian aircraft industry has probably had difficulty of late in getting all the raw materials it would like to have. It is reckoned that it will take three years to complete the present Italian programme of expansion and re-equipment.

MACHINES IN USE

Among the bombers used by the Regia Aeronautica are the Savoia-Marchetti types 79 and 81. They are three-engined low-wing monoplanes. The SM 79 has three 750-h.p. Alfa-Romeo engines, which give it a top speed of 270 m.p.h. Like the German bombers, it is not strongly armed, having one fixed machine-gun firing forward and two movable guns to protect the tail. These types were used a good deal in Spain. Caproni bombers are still in use, though their speed is very low according to modern ideas. The Cant firm supplies flying-boats and float-planes. The Cant Z 508 flying-boat has three Isotta-Fraschini 900-h.p. engines, but cannot reach a speed of 200 m.p.h. The Cant Z 506 is a three-engined float-plane used for bombing.

The best of the Italian fighters in use is the Macchi C 200, a single-seater with an 840-h.p. Fiat engine. As it has only two machine-guns and a top speed of 313 m.p.h. at 15,700 feet, it cannot compare with the Hurricane. The Breda 65 can be produced either as a single-seater or as a two-seater. The former version has a top speed of 267 m.p.h. The two-seater can be used for fighting, for long-distance reconnaissance, or for light bombing. It has a 1,000-h.p. Fiat or Piaggio engine, and mounts four guns in the wings and one in the observer's turret. In Libya a general-purpose machine called the Bergamaschi Ghibli is much used. It is a two-engined monoplane with a maximum speed of 158 m.p.h.

Apart from the units stationed in Italy, the Regia Aeronautica is organised in five commands—namely, Sicily, Sardinia, the Aegean Islands, Libya, and East Africa.

Before the outbreak of the present war it is believed that the Italians were convinced of the power of bomber aircraft to drive a hostile fleet off the seas. They must have been considerably upset when they found that in the North Sea warships could carry out their duties undisturbed by the attacks of hostile bombers.

NAVAL WAR IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Italy has a naval war on two fronts to wage in the Mediterranean. To the east she has to deal with the British forces in the endeavour to keep open her sea-borne supplies, particularly of oil from the Black Sea ports. To the west she has to deal with the French Navy in an endeavour to stop all French reinforcements and supplies from North Africa. That is to say, in the one area she is on the defensive; in the other she can take the offensive.

Italian naval plans are based on conjoint operations between the Navy and the Air Force. The General Staff in Rome has been convinced for many years past that no enemy warships can withstand concentrated aerial bombardment, and it has refused to be disillusioned by the repeated lessons from German experience in the North Sea in the past eight months.

AIRCRAFT AND SUBMARINES

Consequently we may expect to find the Italian Air Force endeavouring to strike heavily at our naval forces inside the quadrilateral of which the four corners are the Italian bases Brindisi, Tripoli, Tobruk, and the Dodecanese Islands. These attacks will be concentrated as far as is practicable with intense submarine activity within the same area, but the wide difference in speed between the two arms makes co-operation and the timing of conjoint attacks far too much a matter of chance except in one form—where the submarines and the aircraft are operating as escorts to convoys. Italian tankers from the Black Sea would have to pass through the Aegean, Archipelago, an area thick with potential ambushes from which submarines could

patrol the convoy routes and an area; moreover, within striking distance for aircraft based either on Brindisi or on Rhodes.

But the operations in the Mediterranean will not be exclusively naval, and, indeed, the more dramatic elements of the conflict are likely to be provided by the land movements.

There has been some anxiety among the people in this country about the security against air attack of the British ships in the harbour at Alexandria and Haifa. Actually these ports are farther removed from hostile air bases than is Scapa Flow from the German airfields. For example, from Brindisi to Alexandria is 830 miles, from Tripoli it is 850 miles, and from Benghazi about 650 miles. The Dodecanese Islands provide the nearest base, some 400 miles away. The distances from Haifa are approximately Brindisi 1,000 miles, Rhodes 400, Tripoli 1,100, and Benghazi 800.

WATER-CARRIERS

These distances are the core of the problem, and it is clear that the Dodecanese Islands provide the base from which it may be expected that the bulk of the attacks would be launched. Rhodes is a good air-base but a bad naval one: the anchorage is shallow and difficult of approach. Leros, which the Italians have been developing as a harbour, is not so good for aerial work and has the grave disadvantage of an inadequate water supply. Water has to be imported to cope with the increase of population that follows belligerent development.

One of the features of the Italian Navy is its train of water-carriers ("Navi cisterna" per

aqua). There are twenty of size ranging from 400 tons to 3,300 tons (of which eleven have been built in the last ten years) and an unknown number of smaller vessels serving the same purpose. It is not difficult to see the effect on the efficiency of Leros if a serious blockade of the island were enforced by British submarine patrols and the import of water prevented. Rhodes does not present the same problem. The natural water supply is understood to be adequate, but there again a blockade would gravely interfere with the import of other vital supplies, and it has yet to be shown in war that air transport can permanently maintain a beleaguered area.

This water-supply problem also affects other Italian air bases on the North African coast. Pantellaria, which has been elevated to the rank of a minor bogy by some writers, has no water supply at all: Tripoli, Benghazi, and Tobruk are restricted and could not supply an enlarged population without import. This is a curious, and to me novel, instance of the influence of sea power on belligerent operations. The Italian effort to cover the movement of their water-carriers may well prove to be the basic cause of an important clash between the fleets.

MALTA AND GIBRALTAR

Operations in the western half of the Mediterranean will be the concern of the French Navy. No one needs to be told of the vital importance to France of her communications with North Africa, and those lines run right through the string of Italian western bases. Spezia, Leghorn, Civita Vecchia, and Cagliari are starting-points for raiders against the centre and

northern sections of the route, Tripoli for those operating in the southern section.

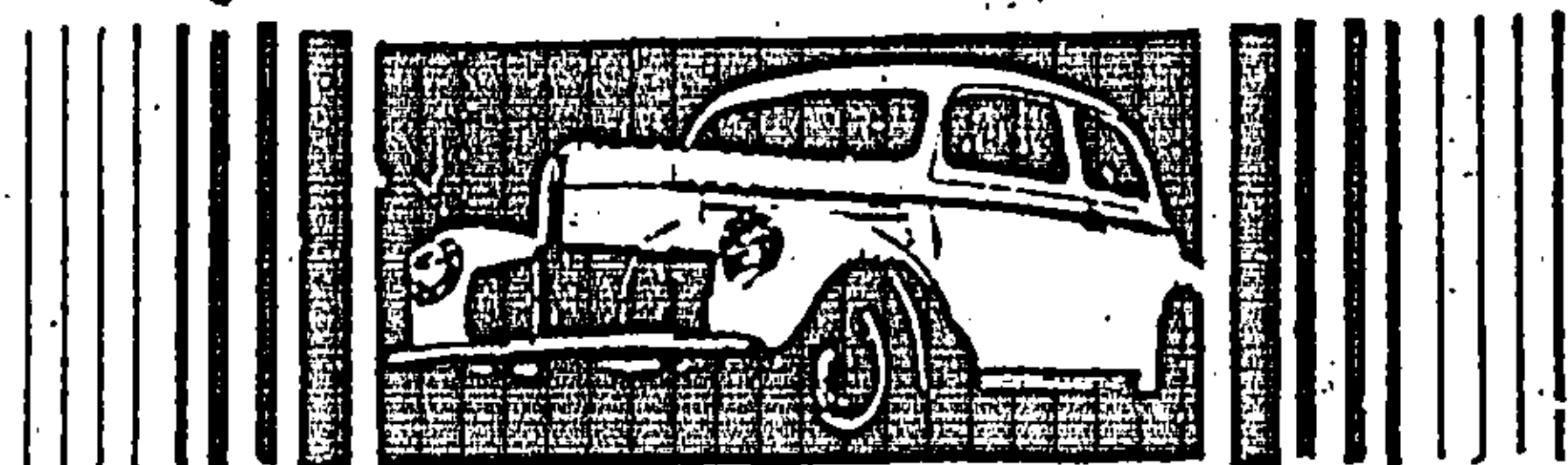
The distances, however, must be taken into account. From Spezia to the Gulf of Lyons is some 240 miles (roughly the distance from Sheerness to Amsterdam), while from Tripoli to the offing of Algiers is about 650 miles (roughly the distance from London to Oslo). The advanced base at Cagliari, in Sardinia, is within 120 miles of the convoy route, and it is to be expected that the Italian small craft will make considerable use of that anchorage.

It must be assumed, at present, that Italy will not have the use of the Balearics as a base. And so long as that is the case any Italian operations against the French lines of communication will be predominantly naval.

There remain to be considered briefly the questions of Malta and Gibraltar. The first possibly may be assaulted with a view to capture, but it is not possible to see any prospect of success against Gibraltar that would lead the Italian Staff to send an expedition more than a thousand miles overseas in an area where it has nothing approaching command of the seas. By comparison the 150 miles to Malta is a more terrifying operation, and in view of the political agitation of the past decade the seizure of the island would be a psychological success of great value to Mussolini. An attempt of that sort cannot be ruled out of consideration.

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Hitler Cannot Delay Blitzkrieg Attempt Too Long

THE SWEDISH NEWSPAPER "Gothenburg Handelblatt" said yesterday that the method of making war since the collapse of France cannot continue.

This method will produce no result in a "reasonable" time. Increasing American deliveries of planes steadily work to the advantage of England.

New means are needed to encourage the German people, who, in spite of wonderful victories, see no signs of peace.

Two methods of attack are possible. A landing in the British Isles or increased pressure in sinking merchant shipping.

The first is the greatest risk but has the greatest attraction. A successful landing, followed by a second Battle of Hastings, would admittedly be a knock-out blow to the British Empire.

This knowledge is not affecting British nerves; in fact it appears to increase their nervous strength.

Risks Obvious

Risks of an attempted invasion are obvious. Failure once is to fail for all time once ships and troops are lost. England is a greater master of the sea than ever.

Failure of an invasion means the war is lost. The immeasurable hate in the occupied territories will be let loose on the conquerors.

Submarine Campaign

If the Germans consider the risk too great, then will follow increased submarine and air warfare. German resources in these weapons are unknown to the outsider.

It is certain the British air force is increasing in effectiveness daily. Their showers of bombs do not fall in potato fields.

If the German air force still has superior numbers the opposite appears to apply to quality.

It is difficult to assess the effectiveness of the German submarine fleet.—Reuter.

DUEL IN THE BUSH

Details have just been received of a duel in East Africa between a British soldier and an Italian aeroplane.

The soldier, who in ordinary life is a big-game hunter, was motorizing along when the plane appeared, dived and dropped a bomb. He dived into the bush.

The Italian plane made five more attacks on the car, dropping a bomb each time, while the machine-gunner sprayed the bush.

As the plane came past, the hunter took a pot-shot at the gunner, who was standing up in his cockpit.

When the plane came past for the fifth time, the gunner had disappeared, and the hunter believes he wounded him, at the least. The plane then flew off.

The hunter got back into his perforated car, started it up and continued on his way.—Reuter.

ANNAM'S LOYALTY TO FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Among numerous telegrams received by Vice-Admiral Decoux, new Governor-General of French Indo-China, are those sent by the Emperor and Government of Annam, expressing unreserved loyalty to France and promising loyal co-operation and full understanding of the new Governor's mission.—Havas.

WANG KI-TANG'S NEW POST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Wang Ki-tang, chairman of the North China Political Council, has been appointed chairman of the Sino-Japanese Economic Association, according to an announcement issued by the Council after its meeting in Peking yesterday.—Havas.

U.S. RED CROSS AID

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Minister of Health, accompanied by Mr. Joseph Kennedy, U.S. Ambassador to London, yesterday visited the London headquarters of the American Red Cross.

He expressed Britain's deep gratitude for all the help given.

The A.R.C. has already given goods to the value of over U.S.\$2,500,000, mostly in clothing and medical and hospital equipment.—Reuter.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald yesterday accepted the first part of a fleet of 260 motorised ambulances, surgical units and first-aid posts, presented to Britain by the American Ambulance for use among civilian casualties in air raids.

The vehicles will be driven by the Women's Transport Service.—Reuter.

Independent Status

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald said the vehicles "will preserve their distinct and independent status but will fit in completely with the organisation of our own emergency services. Some of the vehicles will be posted in every region in England, Scotland and Wales. So there will be no part of this island where citizens will not have reason to thank and bless our American friends for their remarkable generosity." —British Wireless.

NAZIS PLAY DIVIDE AND RULE GAME

THE GERMAN RADIO YESTERDAY BROADCAST A STATEMENT BY THE "BRETON NATIONAL COUNCIL" DECLARING THAT AFTER THE WAR BRITANNY WOULD BE ORGANISED AS A NATIONAL STATE INDEPENDENT OF FRANCE.

The statement referred to "the great understanding of the needs of the people of Brittany" shown by Germany in appointing a governor of the province, and declares that for 400 years the people of France "denied us the right of self-determination." —Reuter.

KING'S PARK CHASE

A long chase after a tree-cutter through King's Park and over a hill into Nathan Road by Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Superintendent of the Kai Tak Civil Aerodrome was described before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when Wong Yuen, 30, jade article maker, was charged with the theft of a small pine tree.

Mr. Moss said he saw accused cutting the tree in the garden of his residence at "Saltash," King's Park. He gave chase through King's Park and over the hill into Nathan Road and arrested accused.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Chinese Maritime Customs at Shanghai against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of small-pox have been removed.

LIES MUST NOT BE COMPARED!

The German public has been forbidden to listen to German broadcasts from transmitting stations in German occupied territories and controlled by the German authorities, according to the Dutch agency, Anep.

Severe penalties including imprisonment are threatened for violation of this new order.—Reuter.

OIL INDUSTRY TROUBLES IN MEXICO

President Cardenas yesterday ordered Labour Union leaders in Mexico to carry out a drastic reorganisation of the Mexico petroleum industry within a week.

A chaotic financial situation has developed in the industry since the foreign oil companies were expropriated two years ago.

Reasons for this include the loss of European markets, labour demands exceeding those at the time of the expropriation and insufficient tankers even for minimum exports.

In addition, the Government has had to sink additional capital amounting to about 100,000,000 pesos in the industry in order to meet maintenance costs.

Experienced observers declare that in reorganising the industry the number of workers must be reduced, wages must be heavily cut and holidays shortened by half.

The workers, while expressing willingness to co-operate to save the industry, claim the present situation is entirely due to incompetent management.—Reuter.

GERMANY THREATENS "REPRISAL"

IN CONNECTION WITH THE GERMAN REPORT FROM THE HAGUE ANNOUNCING THE ARREST OF DUTCH COLONIAL OFFICIALS AND THEIR WIVES ON LEAVE, THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY ACCUSES THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES AUTHORITIES OF ILL-TREATING GERMANS INTERNED ON THE ISLAND OF ONRUST, IN A QUARANTINE CAMP.

The camp, they say, is normally used for Mecca pilgrims and they allege that the medical needs of those interned are provided by three Jewish doctors who were also interned.

The Agency says that the Dutch arrested will be treated the same way as the German internees and will remain interned until the Germans are released and allowed to pursue their ordinary occupations without interference.—Reuter.

Dutch circles in London yesterday described as baseless German allegations of ill-treatment of German internees by the Dutch.—Reuter.



Dolores Del Rio, starred in "The Man from Dakota," at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

ITALIAN LOSSES IN LIBYA

An Italian military communique yesterday gave the name of 55 officers and men killed in Libya up to July 15. They included a Colonel and a Lieutenant-Colonel of the General Staff.

Thirty-one more were killed on the French front. Earlier lists gave the names of nearly 1,200 "dead or missing."

Another Italian communique announces that an Italian submarine has failed to return to its base. Presumably, this is one of the 14 sunk by the Royal Navy and our aircraft in the Mediterranean, Red Sea and Indian Ocean.

Yet another Rome communique claims that in Thursday's Italian raid on Haifa, oil refineries were bombed and many fires started.

Actually, most of the bombs fell into the sea. Those which fell on the eastern part of the town killed 46 people, all but five of whom were civilians.—Reuter.

TURKEY'S TRADE PACT WITH REICH

A trade agreement was signed at Ankara yesterday between Germany and Turkey, says a Reuter message from the Turkish capital.

The agreement provides for an exchange of goods to a value of 21,000,000 Turkish pounds.

Reuter from London says it is pointed out in official quarters that the Ankara Agreement is in complete harmony with the political undertakings of the Turkish Government which do not exclude trade relations with Germany.—Reuter.

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LONDON VIEW OF BALKAN DESTINIES

M. VIRGIL TILEA, Rumanian Minister in London, has been recalled by the Rumanian Government from his post and the question of his successor is now under consideration.

Regret was expressed in London official quarters last evening at M. Tilea's recall. M. Tilea was appointed to the position he now vacates in February of last year and in the eighteen months he has been here has been well-known for the efforts he has made to maintain and improve relations between Rumania and Great Britain.

His relinquishment of the post of Rumanian Minister will be regretted by his wide circle of friends.

Recent developments in Rumania—with which commentators in London incline to link the recall of M. Tilea—and the feverish activity of German diplomacy in South-Eastern Europe have brought the problems of that area back into the forefront of interest in diplomatic circles in London.

British policy there, as elsewhere, was for long directed to the principle that outstanding questions between states should be submitted to peaceful settlement in a spirit of mutual respect and goodwill.

Stabilising Efforts

As the menace of Nazi aggression grew and its sinister shadow lengthened across Europe, the British Government sought to exercise a stabilising influence and found efforts seconded with comprehension and loyalty by the Turkish Government.

It will, for example, be recalled how in April, 1939, the British Government gave a guarantee to Rumania.

After Hitler had unleashed his war upon Europe, British diplomacy never faltered in its counsels on behalf of Balkan solidarity as a safeguard against Nazi exploitation or attack.

In so far as some accommodation between the states concerned on some matters long at issue between them was a condition of their closer co-operation and of a unified front, the good offices of the British Government would never have been refused.

Moderating Influence

On the other hand, in cases where good sense enjoined that in face of the common danger questions liable to arouse passion or suspicion should be postponed or claims should be held in restraint against a return of conditions where a settlement by negotiation and without resort to violence could be anticipated, the British Government did not permit its sympathies or opinions on the merits of the questions themselves—sympathies often well-known—to prejudice its moderating influence.

The Rumanian-Bulgarian frontier question may be cited in illustration. The justice of Bulgarian claims against Rumania in this region have for some time past been recognised by the British Government. In the British press they have always received sympathetic notice.

Realisation Of Justice

But, while the strengthening of Rumanian resistance to encroachments from Berlin presented itself as one of the most important contributions to Balkan peace—in the period, that is to say, before the British guarantee was repudiated by Rumania—the British Government felt obliged to place first the safeguarding of justice and freedom for Europe as a whole and to relegate to second place the realisation of justice in one case and in one part of Europe.

It is believed in London that this attitude was not misunderstood in Sofia.

More recent events have gone far to destroy the hopes on which

BRITISH COMMANDER BACK IN HOSPITAL

Major-General F. K. Simmons, commander of the British forces in Shanghai, who recently broke his leg playing polo, has returned to hospital.

It is believed that the injury turned out to be more serious than expected, and an operation may be necessary.

BURMA ROAD HYPOTHESIS REJECTED

The Burma Road decision again figured as the subject of a question in Parliament yesterday.

Mr. J. Morgan (Lab.) asked Mr. R. A. Butler if the closure of the Burma Road to war supplies for China was subject to revision in the event of Japan stipulating further action of a kind disapproved by the British Government, as a further encroachment upon British interests or prestige in the Far East, during the period over which the agreement operates.

Mr. Butler, in a written reply, said: "I have no reason to suppose that the hypothesis contemplated by Mr. Morgan represents the intention of the Japanese Government. I am consequently not in a position to make a statement."—Reuter.

REINFORCEMENTS IN KENYA

The War Office announces that Gold Coast and Nigerian troops arrived in East Africa some days ago.—Reuter.

Mr. E. V. da Souza, has reported the theft of a radiator cap from his car No. 3057, which was parked outside No. 232, Nathan Road yesterday.

this attitude was founded and if the result should be an earlier restitution to Bulgaria, in accordance with her just claims, British satisfaction will not be withheld even if justice should paradoxically be aided by an outside intervention inspired by motives the reverse of just.—British Wireless.

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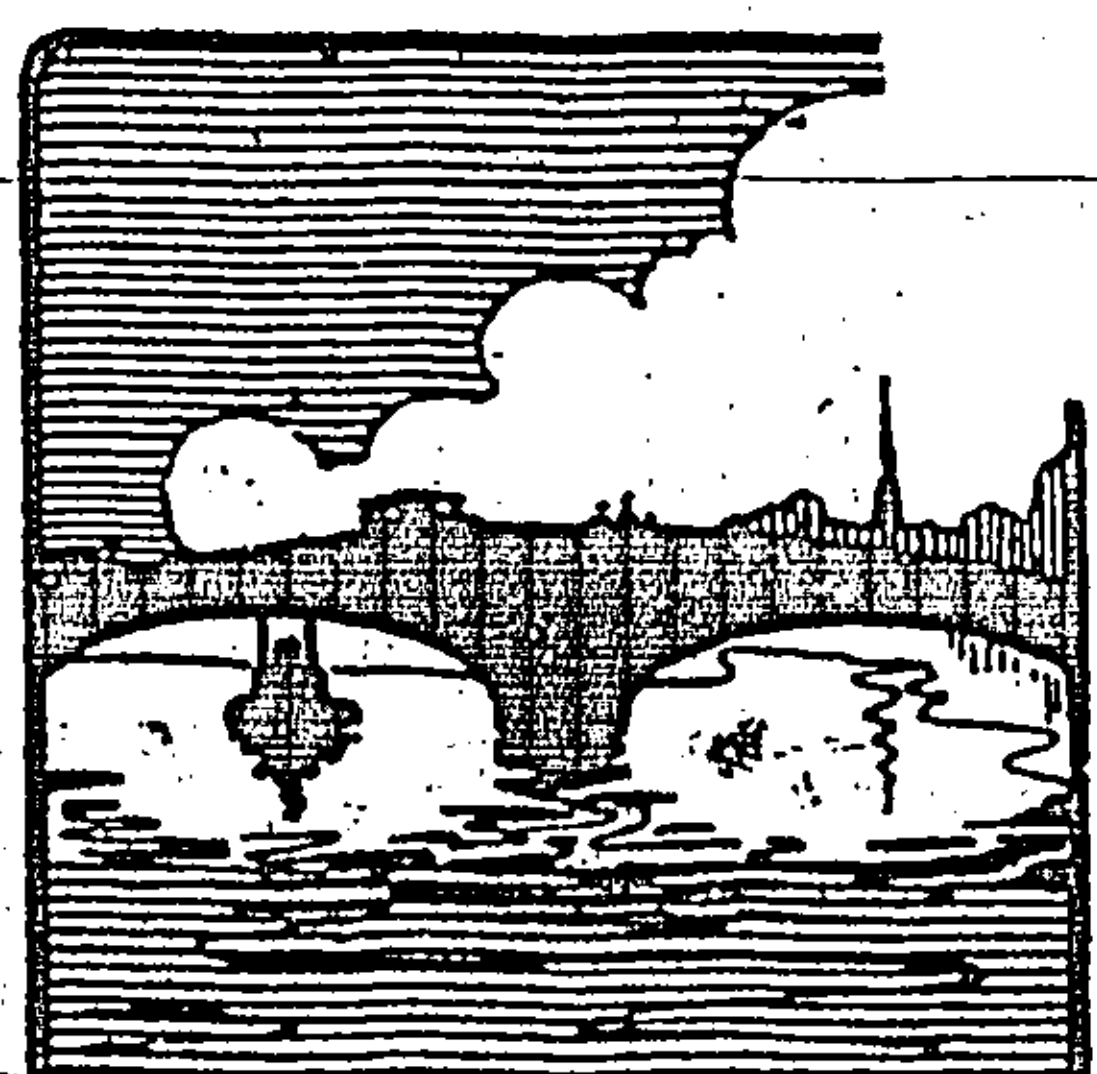
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Sheung Shui Inland Lot No. 9	Kam Tsin	As per sale plan.				21,780	100	871
2	" " 10	"	"				37,500	172	1,504
3	" " 11	"	"				138,920	638	5,557
4	" " 12	"	"				201,480	926	8,059



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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
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Neither side vulnerable

♠ K Q 8 4 3
♥ J 6
♦ K J 10 5 2
♣ 3

♠ 6 5
♥ Q 10 6
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ A 10 6 2

♠ A 10 9 7
♥ 8 7 2
♦ A 7
♣ 8 7 5 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the six of spades. North and East ducked, and South won with the Jack. Declarer then led a low heart towards dummy's Jack.

West hopped up with the Queen and returned the suit to dislodge the entry at once. Dummy took the Jack of hearts and returned a diamond. East

ducked South's Queen held. Declarer then ran the hearts, discarding two spades and a diamond from dummy. West released two diamonds; and East, a club and a spade. South next led the King of clubs, West winning and returning a spade to East's Ace.

At this point East had to resist the temptation of returning a club. With that lead, South could cash the Queen and Jack and put East in with a diamond; and East would then have to surrender the last trick to dummy's spade King.

Instead East cashed the diamond Ace before exiting with the club. South then had no way of avoiding the loss of the fifth defensive tricks to West's ten of clubs.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you

♠ A 8 3
♥ A Q J 9 4
♦ 3
♣ 10 8 7 5

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Barnstone	Malor
1♥	2♥	2♥	3♥
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass



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QUESTION NO. 472

You are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 10 8
♥ K 7 5
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ A Q 4

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Malor
1♥	2♥	2♥	3♥
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

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Arthur Schnabel (Piano).

12.55 p.m.—A Song by Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano).

Creation's Hymn (Beethoven).

With Piano accomp. by Edwin McArthur.

1.03 p.m.—Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Light Variety.—Arthur Askey with Jack Hylton, Gracie Fields, Jack Warner, Rudy Vallee.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.

7.02 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Breakfast with the Bullfinches", by Ursula Branston. Music by various composers and Produced by William MacLurg.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.03 p.m.—Orchestral Selections: Bagatelle—Overture (Rixner).... Grand Symphony Orchestra.

Waitz of the Hours ("Coppella"—Delibes).... Symphony Orchestra.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—A Farewell Recital by Harry Ore (Piano).

1. Four Valses in A. Flat by (a) Schubert; (b) Brahms; (c) Chopin (No. 5); (d) Scriabin (Op. 39).

2. (a) Canzonetta del Salvatore Rosa (Liszt); (b) Campanella (Liszt).

3. Legend (Mclartlin).

8.45 p.m.—Songs from Opera.

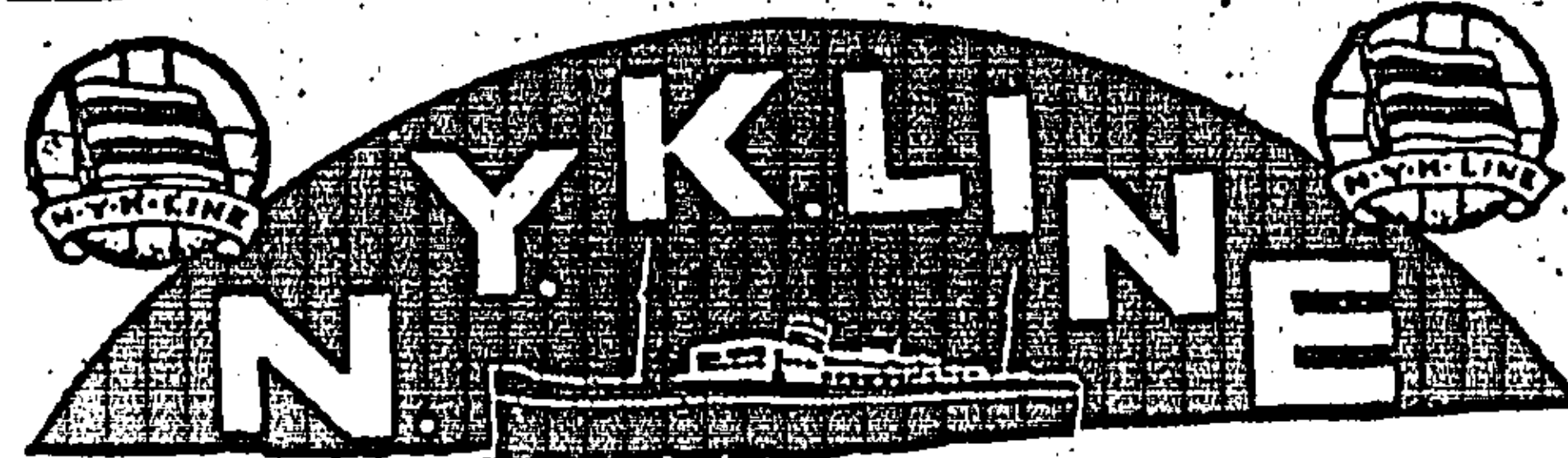
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs".

9.45 p.m.—Variety Programme.—Billy Bennett, Florence Desmond, Vivian Ellis, John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge, Phyllis Robins, Oliver Wakefield, Wish Wynne.

10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

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Both Hong Kong Football Club and Kowloon Cricket Club won but are still at the bottom of the League with the latter having two games in hand and by far the better chance of escaping relegation, the prospects of which cannot be out of the minds of the Club de Recreio "B" team.

In Second Division Kowloon other two rinks finished, he made Cricket Club unexpectedly defeated Club de Recreio to secure a double win on their green, whilst Taikoo, who like Kowloon Football Club are right on the heels of the present leaders, had a smashing win against the Civil Servants.

Hong Kong Cricket Club played and won their Third Division match against Indians at Chater Road, instead of at Sookunpoo, as two games had been arranged for the latter green which has three rinks only. Hong Kong Football Club, whom I had an idea might just win, were all over the Electricians who suffered their second successive defeat.

Hall's Rink's Success

The creditable commencement which Kowloon Bowling Green Club made was due chiefly to Alf Hall's rink, as, at the seventh head, he had a sufficient lead on F. X. Silva to be carrying the other two rinks, both of which were down. After that, there was only one team in it: Leonard Xavier and Charlie Silva were out-bowling Phillips and Armstrong, the latter playing out of position I thought, and, with Chico Ribeiro giving good support, Guy and Hall were always up against it. The former played a fine game and saved repeatedly, whilst Hall was useful and had a slight edge on "Spuggy," who ran out winner by five shots.

Holland and C. G. Silva, old "enemies" had a close game in which the former pulled up well to tie at the 16th, but C. G. almost monopolised the scoring thereafter to win by a round half dozen.

Marques was the outstanding man of the eight on this rink and played a truly great game, turning the situation in his side's favour when needed or adding shots when Joe Luz lay, which was on about 11 of the heads, as Willie Walker was holding his own with the home lead.

Robson was not on his game, whilst Hyde-Lay, like Holland, was patchy and both should have saved, by being up, when the home rink secured a five at the third head. This same fault was the cause of Sherriff's rink losing a count of six at the second end of their game against Dick Alves, who drew two perfect shots to add to the good four which he was lying when the skips went down. Joe Meyer, however, was the weak link in this rink which deservedly lost by 17 shots; he could do nothing right for 90 per cent of the game and was always short or narrow or both. I think that is strong enough! Leo Silva played a fine game as lead and was just better than Deacon, whilst F. X. Soares did a lot of damage, though the woods were kind to him. It is no compliment to say that Luz out-bowled Meyer, whilst Sherriff, though steady, lacked the brilliance of Alves who, of course, always or nearly always had the position.

Strange's Forlorn Hope

Kowloon Cricket Club, with a reconstituted team, had a nice win against the Civil Servants, though, I understand that the margin would have been smaller had not Harry Strange's rink lost five in the last two ends, when, with the

Thanks to his five at the previous head and four to Deakin at his last head, the visitors were only five down with these two ends to go and there was just a chance of victory, but it was not to be.

There was a crock on each side in this rink as Purvis was suffering from boils and Willie Hyde a sprain, both of which affected their play.

George Lee and Kern were the best of the home rink though the latter should have saved that five, while Arthur Burling and Strange took the honours for the visitors.

Teddy Fincher's rink were all over Fred Jones, who could not get going at all for, whilst Champelovier was positively brilliant as lead to Fincher, Simmonds, his opposite was usually short and blocking the draw. Madar and Hollidge were only moderate but Teddy Ramsay celebrated his promotion by playing a useful game, though Dame Fortune shone on him on occasion. Grimmit, like the lead, was inclined to be short and Jones was left with rather too much to do, though he struggled gamely after being 14 shots down in the first seven heads.

This early lead of Fincher's was, in the meantime, being nicely counter-balanced by Jack Deakin's rink, which had a lead of 10 shots at this stage of the game. Joe Fraser's four fought back splendidly and, scoring 14—including a six—in the next third of the game, they took the lead. Thereafter it was ding-dong scoring with Deakin's four at the last head giving him the verdict by that number.

Narrow Margin

Although they won on two rinks, Police playing away, went down by a few shots to Hong Kong Football Club, who had to thank George Duncan for their win. "Pop" Gill was playing excellent bowls on this rink, whilst Duncan himself played some great shots and the woods went for him. Carey's men could not get going at all and scored on only half a dozen heads.

Fender's four had a slight edge on Norman Bebbington's throughout the game and just deserved to win, though the standard of bowling was by no means good.

On the other rink the Police skip, Shepherd, also won and his four very nearly pulled the game out of the fire at the last head. Wanting four to tie, Police were actually counting that number when Ken Robertson pulled a spectacular one out of the bag for the very first shot!

Indians had a close game against Kowloon Dock before emerging winners by half a dozen shots, but they had the satisfaction of winning on two rinks. Abbas, in spite of scoring on 12 heads which included the last three, being the solitary loser. Bob Morrison, had a five, two fours and a couple of threes in his tally of 25 against Abe, who also had a brace of fours. Dallas and Kemp-ton each had a five in their score which was otherwise on the low side with Dallas having the advantage at the finish. Minu had

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RAMSAY INVOLVED IN INTERESTING INCIDENT

There was a most unusual incident at Cox's Road on Saturday and some discussion about the subsequent procedure, which, as it happens, was correctly carried out according to rule.

Ted Ramsay, who is still trying to live down the affair, celebrated his entrance to First Division not only by playing a useful game, as mentioned elsewhere, but also by sending a wood up with the wrong bias on!

That's not news of course, but the fact that it hit a wood coming the other way on the adjacent rink is where the curiosity comes in!

More out of a sense of justice than, I imagine, from a knowledge of the rules, it was decided that Deakin, the victim of the incident, should replay his wood, whilst Ramsay's bowl should be put in disgrace on the bank!

The Rule, under sub-heading "Bowl Burned," Section E. I. A. (C), covers the question of Deakin's wood.

It reads: "By a neutral person, or by a bowl belonging to a neutral person, or by any object, it shall play over again."

Ramsay's wood, which was a drive, being outside the limits of the rink, was dead, although in theory it might have been just about to curl back into play.

A case of this nature is mentioned by J. G. Carruthers in the E.B.A. handbook for 1939, but he does not say if the wood was outside the rink or not: what he does mention is that the bowl came back into the head and secured first shot with the opposition lying four! That is what I call fluking on a grand scale.

SECOND DIVISION

BRILLIANT PLAY BY MCNEILL'S RINK

By "Skip"

IN Second Division Taikoo were "in the money" by reason of their big win against the Civil Servants, who went down on all three rinks. Dick Keown, after a setback the previous week, came back to form with a win of 20 shots against Bill Hillyer, whose men were out-bowled from the start.

Chalmers' four treated Charlie Strange and his men little less harshly, though the home four actually led at the half-way stage, scoring on only one more head afterwards.

Syd Eccleshall had the best home result as he was only seven to the bad against Munro although he was always in arrears.

Kowloon Cricket Club did very well to beat Club de Recreio even at Cox's Road and the re-shuffling of their teams seems to have done both a lot of good.

Spary, with a new third man in Paddy Wellwood, did well to beat Eddie Sousa by nearly a dozen shots, whilst Hubert Overy made a successful debut as skip in this division by beating Yvanovich. O. P. Remedios and his assistants were all over George Moss's four until the last couple of heads when the latter chalked up a six and a three to lose by only two shots.

Big Win

Kowloon Bowling Green Club secured the second biggest win of the day—against Police at Austin Road. Waterton came in as second man to Lockhart and played an even better game than the re-

THIRD DIVISION

BAGLEY'S FOUR BEAT K.B.C.C.

By "Skip"

There was an exciting finish at Austin Road where Prison Officers' Club beat the home twelve by securing a three with the very last wood of the game.

"Bill" Bagley's four were the heroes of this particular head, though the rink lost by eight shots to K. C. Hamilton, whose star man was "Edgar" Wallis.

With his first wood Fitzgerald trailed the jack beautifully for four when there were two against him, only for Wallis to draw second shot. Hamilton was heavy with his first wood and Bagley drew a second one.

The home skip came up again and very nearly got the second, though both his wood and the enemy's nearest were over a yard away. Then with his last wood, Bagley got the third and winning shot—after a wick!

Albert Jilott played a remarkable game against Peckham and may be said to have won his game by his own play though Foster was good. Peckham was rather unlucky to give him the shot when counting a pretty two towards the end of the game. The two skips, Dinnen and Pile were outstanding in the other game, which the latter won by seven shots.

Electric Trowned

Hong Kong Football Club were all over the Electricians, especially Jack Watson's rink, which trounced Stopani-Thomson by 15 shots. All the visitors played well, with the skips playing the game of his life. Wallington finished up strongly to beat Paul by a few shots, as did George Graver against Sloan, a four at the last head giving him that margin.

Although Dr. Lam beat Ben Evans, Kowloon Footballers always had the measure of Craigen-gower and won by nearly 20. Dr. Smalley was chiefly responsible for this good win as he played a very fine game against George Ladd and was ably assisted by Abbas as third man. Jim Smith got a six at the penultimate head to win by seven shots against Alves and he, like Smalley, was in great form.

The Indians put up a very fine fight at Chater Road but could not quite manage to take away the points, the home team finishing up strongly on all rinks to win by 10 all round, of which "Jimmy" Wild had the most.

shots scored by his rink.

Herbert Randall was excellent as three and seems to me to be wasted elsewhere in a rink, whilst McNeill, though good, always had the position, as his win by 20 indicates.

Stephens secured a lead against Ernie Zimmern at the sixth head and retained it to the finish: he was playing an excellent game latterly, just as his opponent shone before the interval.

Fred da Rosa, brought in at short notice, played a fine game as lead for Kew and with the latter also doing very well they always had the edge on Lewis's four, after catching up at the seventh end.

Simpson's Rink Good

Kowloon Football Club had an easy win against the Cricket Club, Bert Maughan's four making no sort of showing against the aggressive Bill Simpson. It is only fair to mention that Maughan was not well and should have dropped out. But one man does not make or mar a team and it is equally fair to say that Simpson's team bowled well to a man and would have beaten many stronger rinks.

Bill Field drew with A. W. Brown but the bowling was not very good especially on the part of the home four, who should have done better on their own green.

Ronnie Edwards shone on one particular end when he killed the Jack with four against his rink.

Youngusband just pipped Dai Davies after a close game in which Joe Prentice as lead to the visit-jog skip was outstanding. Arthur Lay was about equal to Joe Eastman whilst the threes, Hall and Hooper, shared the honours by different means, for Hall was often short and his opponent nearly always heavy.

BOWLS SWEEP DRAW,

The following is the result of the draw for this week-end's Bowls Sweep.

FIRST DIVISION	
I.R.C. (372)	v Recreio "A" (651)
C.C.C. (1)	v K.C.C. (424)
K.B.G.C. (769)	v C.S.C.C. (609)
P.R.C. (34)	v Recreio "I" (545)
K.D.R.C. (336)	v H.K.F.C. (64)
SECOND DIVISION	
K.F.C. (750)	v C.C.C. (96)
Talkoo (667)	v K.B.G.C. (8)
K.T. (73)	v P.R.C. (800)
Recreio (111)	v C.S.C.C. (668)
H.K.C.C. (618)	v K.C.C. (533)
THIRD DIVISION	
P.O.C. (179)	v K.F.C. (75)
H.K.C.C. (124)	v C.C.C. (258)
H.K.F.C. (766)	v I.R.C. (773)
H.K.E.R.C. (508)	v K.B.G.C. (168)

BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent the various clubs on Saturday at League Lawn Bowls:—

Second Division (v K.C.C. At Home):—F. D. Angus, J. L. Mouat, B. E. Maughan and G. E. Costello (Skip); J. Prentice, A. T. Lay, E. Hosper and R. R. Davies (Skip); T. A. Pearce, A. K. Mackenzie, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (Skip).

Third Division (v C.C.C. At Home):—W. A. Cornell, L. E. N. Ryan, G. G. Aitkenhead and P. S. Cassidy (Skip); J. Owen Hughes, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, W. A. Cruickshank and R. H. Wild (Skip); G. R. Razavet, H. A. Angus, Col. E. S. Doughty and A. McKellar (Skip).

I.R.C. First Division (v Club de Recreio "A", Home):—D. M. Khan, K. M. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (Skip); J. Hoosen, A. K. Sufiad, A. R. Minu, and A. K. Minu (Skip); A. H. Rumjahn, S. Yusuf, M. Y. Adai and A. R. Dallah (Skip).

Third Division (v H. K. Football Club, Away):—A. S. Sufiad, J. M. A. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (Skip); M. Hassan, M. P. Madar, A. G. Sufiad and A. Bakar (Skip); M. B. Hassan, S. A. R. Bux, U. A. Rumjahn and S. M. Rumjahn (Skip).

ATTEMPTS MADE TO STAGE WARTIME AMATEUR ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

White City Available BIG ROLE PLAYED BY SPORT IN THE TWO SERVICES

By Kenneth McMillan
(Well-known British Sports Writer)

FOUR years ago the athletic nations of the world met in the German capital, for the eleventh time since the Olympic Games were revived for modern use at Athens in 1896. The United States triumphed again, and revenge was to be sought by the 52 competing countries this summer at Helsinki, the capital of Finland.

Quite early in the war the stadium that the Finns had prepared was devastated, and like the Japanese—who had foregone their chance of staging the Games owing to their war with China—Finland, country of champion distance runners, had no option but to abandon a project dear to the heart of such an athletic nation.

It was a well-deserved honour that had been accorded the Finns, for although they had never been largely represented at the Games, their runners had won 62 gold, 60 silver and 63 bronze Olympic medals against all comers in the series of Games—a really magni-

ficent performance for a country with a population of under four million.

One has only to mention such runners as Hannes Kolehmainen, Paavo Nurmi, Armas Valste, I. Salminen and Lehtinen to realise what Finland has given to international athletics. Their records will stand for a long time.

Finland's turn will come again when the world settles down once more to the normal routine of civilised folk; when, in the words of the Olympic oath:—

"We swear that we will take part in the Olympic Games in loyal competition, respecting the regulations which govern them and desirous of participating in them in the true spirit of sportsmanship for the honour of our country and the glory of Sport." Great Britain is next on the roster for the Games, and it is likely that when the victory is won an endeavour will be made to get the Olympic Games reborn in London.

Meanwhile, world title events at all sports are at a standstill. Chiefly because Great Britain, foremost competitor next to the United States, is otherwise engaged.

Mindful of the fact that one day new champions will have to be flung into the arena against foreign competition, British sports are keeping alive and English championships are being staged where possible—but for how long it is impossible to say.

There are gaps in Britain's athletic record books, covering the years 1914 to 1919, when names that appeared in the first-named year, and would reasonably have been erected to be repeated, simply disappeared—killed or wounded in the Great War. Once again will this break happen, and Britain will have to start all over again in the search for world-beaters.

A. A. Championships

Some attempt may be made to stage some of the Amateur Athletic Championships this year. The White City, in London, is to be available for meetings. Service athletes will supply most of the competition, and it is hoped to run off the famous Polytechnic Marathon over the usual 26 miles in Windsor Great Park by permission of King George VI.

The customary course over the public roads from Windsor to London is, of course, entirely out of the question; but this new arrangement will make the race a unique spectacle.

Special provision is to be made for runners from the three fighting Services, and the first man to finish will receive a special medal. S. S. Yarrow the Polytechnic runner, who was second in the 1938-39 races and second in the European championship in Paris, is already in training for the wartime event which is certain to attract many new and youthful runners.

Another promising athlete who is likely to be attracted by such competitions as are promoted during the summer months is Stanley West, Great Britain's high-jump "hope". West has cleared 6ft. 3in., and when he gets into training as a

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

I regret to have to record the untimely death of L/Cpl. Williams of 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment. He will be remembered by the Army sportsmen of this Colony chiefly as a boxer. He represented his Battalion and was a great fighter who will be much missed by the rest of the "Diehards" boxing team.

SINCE commenting upon the probability of a Combined R.A. team in this column I have heard many enthusiastic views expressed by footballers, and the whole matter was capably summed up by 'Referee' in yesterday's issue of 'The China Mail'. The Gunners are, in the main, partly in favour of a Combined team, but others express doubts about the future of Battery teams if the idea matures, though personally I feel that there are a great number of Artillery players, who do not get a chance to play under the present system, who will have their chance if a Combined team is formed.

REGISTERING a great win over Hong Kong Baseball Club by 17-8, Royal Engineers gained their first victory in the Baseball League and so have avoided being completely white-washed! This win was a great feat considering that the Sappers had been beaten eight times on the run and it was looking as if they were not going to be smiled on by Dame Fortune. Great play by George Denyer on Saturday was responsible in the main for the Sappers' success. To-morrow Royal Engineers meet South China in Round One of the Charity Cup and all Squaddies who have not had the opportunity of seeing the only Army baseball team in action should make a point of attending and giving them the support that they really deserve; because the Sappers never put on a 'dud' show.

ON Wednesday the Army Tennis Club 'C' Division team were seen in action against South China. For the first time this season they were without Martin, who usually partners Boocock. In his place was Stoner (R.A.-P.C.). Emberson and Duffield put up a good showing to win two of their three sets but Adam and Murray gave a very poor exhibition and were outplayed in every set. Boocock and his new partner were only able to register a draw in one set.

ROYAL Engineers continued their triumphant march in Second Division with a 9 to nil victory over 36th Bty. R.A. Rivett and Quinell were in excellent form and were only troubled once, and then but a little by Mills and Thomson, who took them to 2-6.

Bird and Freeman played really delightful tennis and had little difficulty in over-running all their opponents. The other pair Spencer and Shaw played steady tennis, taking no chances. For the Gunners' Goodenough and Woolridge played some good tennis but they, just as much as the rest of their team, are hardly in the same class as the Sappers.

In a First Division match 5th A.A. Regiment had little difficulty in beating the Seaford Highlanders to the tune of eight sets to one. Mackle and Garrow gained the solitary set for the Seafordists from Davis and Coughlin. Best pair of the match were Treverer

and Morgan, who beat Moffatt and Watt in a very convincing manner. Ingram and Mew also won all three sets.

WATER Polo seems to have got under way again and an R.A.S.C. team met a depleted R.A.M.C. team in the Queen's Road Swimming bath on Wednesday evening. The Medicals arrived at the bath two men short; one of the vacancies was filled by Bennett, well-known as the Signals' goalkeeper. Playing one man short the Medicals put up a great fight and were the first to score through McDonald, who was always a dangerous player. Fare later equalised for the Service Corps. After the interval the Medicals began to tire and the Service Corps had it their own way. Martin opened the scoring in the second half following a good swim by Richards. Andrews, who seems to have lost none of his zest for the game despite his stay in hospital, added another and Fare increased the lead a few minutes from the end. McDonald and Conner, though labouring under heavy odds, made a great show for R.A.M.C. 'Ginger' Reid, the Service Corps' goalkeeper, seems to improve with every game he plays and with careful practice may well become one of the best players in the Colony. Beatson-Sneddon improves too but next to Andrews, Martin is undoubtedly the best forward in the team.

the best win when he overcame Cullen by five shots, but he had to fight every inch of the way to achieve that result.

Some Anxious Moments

Craigengower, who were expected to overwhelm Recreio "B", had some anxious moments before they established supremacy, but Omar, starting with a steady trot against John Basto, finished up with a gallop and was 23 to the good and carried the team. U. M. Omar was in deadly form, whilst Ismail, his substitute second man, gave an encouraging display. Machado alone shone in the home rink and he had the better of Razack.

B. Basto led Rosselet for 11 heads but could not stand the strain and went down by half a dozen shots. He was in poor form and had a couple of really bad drives at the 20th head when his three wanted a totally different shot to save a count of four.

Jackie Noronha had the only home win and was good value for it against placid Dick Basa, who trailed from the third head to go down by eight shots in a low-scoring game.

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GOLF STARTING TIMES

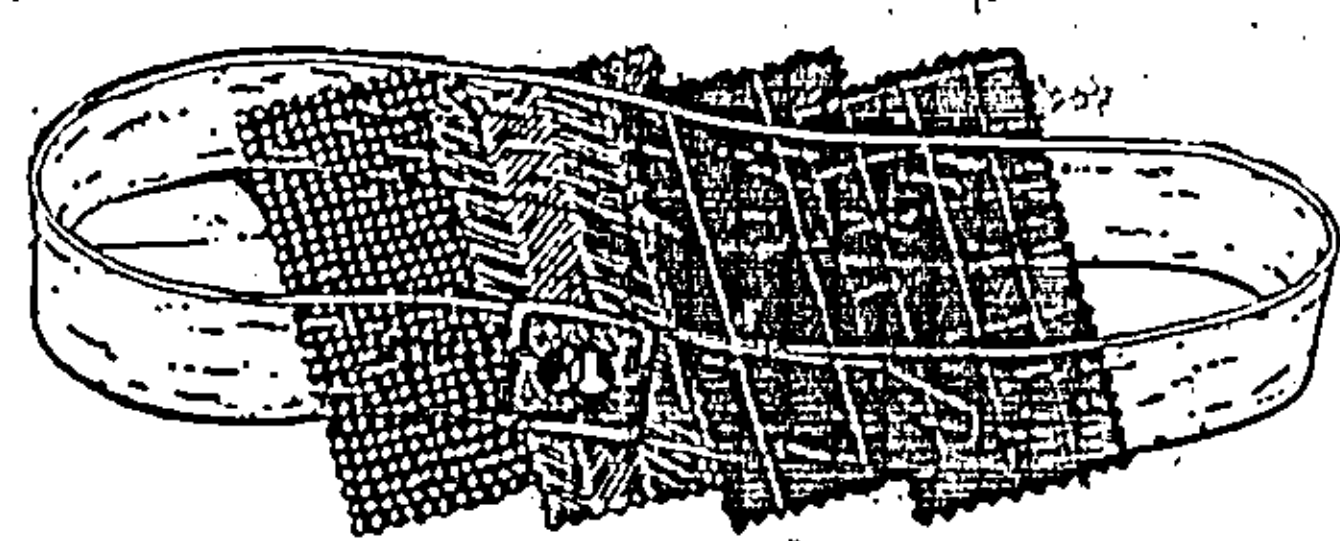
Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning:—

SUNDAY
Old Course
10.00 a.m. F. Groves, E. T. McMullen.
10.04 .. L. M. S. Lloyd, G. C. Worral.
10.08 .. A. W. Bourne, E. G. Price.
10.12 .. W. Harper, P. E. Annis.
10.16 .. D. Humphreys, L. H. Gagg.

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Arrangements for a 5-game Duck Pin match between U.S.S. Tulsa and U.S.S. Mindanao had been made for last Thursday, but owing to some misunderstanding, Vasko and his Tulsa men failed to turn up.

However, an Alley team was recruited to give Philo and his Mindanao men a game. The following Alleyites took up the challenge: C.P.O. E. L. Woods, of Asheville; Signaller A. R. Wilkins, of Royal Signals; Able Seaman Geo North, of H.M. Navy and O. L. Gray, of Tulsa.

From this it can be seen that the Alley team was representative of the British Army and Navy and United States Navy.

There was not time to play a 5-game match so a 3-game match was decided upon, and this resulted in a win for the redoubtable Mindanao team by the very close margin of 30 pins.

The individual scores were as follows:—

U.S.S. MINDANAO	ALLEY TEAM
Total	Total
E. L. Emerson 290	Geo North 298
J. W. Davis 286	E. L. Wood 278
N. P. Philo 272	O. L. Gray 254
A. K. Hanf 264	A. R. Wilkins 243
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The scoring was very ably attended to by C.P.O. Summers, of U.S.S. Asheville.

On the whole the scoring all round for both teams was very good, the star of the match being Geo North, with 298 or an average of 100 pins per game. He was followed very closely by E. L. Emerson, of Mindanao, with a good 290 to his credit or an average of 97 pins per game, and J. W. Davis, also of Mindanao, was a good third with 286 or an average of 95 pins per game.

There were four scores of over 100 each—rather good in my estimation for a 3-game match. Geo North, for the Alley team, bagged two of them—101 on his first game and a useful 116 on his third game. J. W. Davis and E. L. Emerson, for Mindanao, recorded the other two, both making 108.

As I have already stated that scoring was good all-round but I must admit that I have seen all the players put up higher scores.

The average per player per game for Mindanao worked out at 93 pins, while the average for the Alley team was approximately 90 pins per player.

Surprising Win

On Friday there was a Ten Pin match in the Third Round of the Singles Handicap Competition between Signaller G. Birkett, of Royal Corps of Signal, and Corporal A. W. Devonshire, of the Middlesex Regiment.

Birkett was plus 49 handicap and Devonshire 36, so the latter was conceding 7 pins per game, or 21 pins on the three games played.

The match resulted in a very decided win—much to the surprise of all bowling fans—for Birkett by no less than 163 pins.

The individual scores were:—

	1st	2nd	3rd	Re- ceives	Ttl.
Birkett (plus 43)	207	118	143	21	489
Devonshire (plus 36)	94	133	99	—	326

Birkett's 207 on his first game was good and well-deserved, but he failed badly on his second game to make a very lowly 118, this is very hard to understand.

I was very surprised and astonished at Devonshire's poor scoring, I do not remember ever seeing him put up such low scores before; his usual mark is about 180 or 190 and he has put up 200 on several occasions. As a matter of fact he tied the highest score for the month of January last year with Michal, Gaddi and E. Hearther, his score in that occasion being 234.

Devonshire, however, owing to his military duties, has had little practice of late.

As was to be expected Joe Harvey and his Asheville line up, having beaten Spenko and his Tulsa men twice, played the Alley team on Friday in another 5-game Ten Pin match and this resulted in a win for the Alley team by 94 pins.

The individual scores were:—

ALLEY TEAM	ASHEVILLE
Total	Total
J. H. Watts 886	C. G. Cunningham 804
Doc. Molthen 874	M. O. Gray 804
E. P. Hollis 823	Joe Harvey 794
S. A. Ismail 712	W. J. Balaski 793
3289	3195



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By "Strike"

J. H. Watts, for Alley team, was top scorer with a good 886 to his credit, or an average of 177 pins per game, while Doc. Molthen, for Champs, was a good second with a useful 868 or 174 pin per game. Hollis, for Alley team, was third highest scorer with 823 or an average of 165 pins per game.

Ismail, for Alleys, seemed to be not too comfortable, his 712, or an average of 143 pins per game, being below his usual; he started off well with 173 on his second game, but went into a state of lethargy during his third, fourth and fifth games to make 126, 116 and 120 respectively.

There was very little difference in any of the four Tulsa men's score, both Cunningham and M. O. Gray bagging 804 pins each, or an average of 161 pins per game, Joe Harvey 794 and Balaski 793.

There were, only four scores of 200 or over registered throughout the game, and these were all reached by the Alley team. Watts picked out two of them, a 201 on his first and a 210 on his fifth game.

Doc. Molthen bagged a 210 on his fifth game, and Hollis a good 220 in his second game.

It was rather strange that the Tulsa, though bowling consistently well, did not register one 200, although Joe Harvey was very close to this figure when he scored a 195 on his second game.

The average per player per game for the Alley team worked out at 164 pins, while the Tulsa's average was about 160.

Birkett's Effort

F. P. Hollis's record score for the month (257) was almost beaten on July 21, when G. Birkett, of the Royal Corps of Signals, bagged a very good 240.

His score-sheet shows that he started off three spares, then six strikes in a row, a spare on his 10th frame to make a six with his extra ball.

There was little doubt that Birkett bowled extraordinarily well and had

he made a strike on his 10th frame instead of a spare, he would probably have beaten Hollis's 257. To pull off six strikes in a row is no mean achievement because, as all old veterans know, a bowler is likely to become a little nervy and tense and is apt to overbowl or over-do his bowling, and, as Birkett cannot by any stretch of imagination be called a veteran bowler, it was all the more to his credit that he did not "crack up".

Again on Monday, there was a remarkably fine effort by I. D. Bruce of Jardines, who bagged no fewer than 245 pins. His score-sheet shows a unique effort, as follows:—He started off with 4 strikes in a row, a spare on his fifth frame, a miss on his sixth frame to make a nine (this should have been a strike the pin actually wobbled) then four strikes in a row again to finish up with a spare with his two extra balls.

Bruce is practically a new bowler being initiated to the mysteries of this game in these Alleys, and if he keeps up this remarkable bowling, I probably that his name will be before bowling fans very often in the near future. Had he made a strike instead of a nine on his sixth frame his score would have been 256. Anyway he now has the honour of being the latest member of the 200 Club.

A Challenge

The Alley team having beaten the redoubtable Joe Harvey's Asheville team on July 19, the Chief Petty Officers of the same ship were determined to show the regular ship's team how to bowl, so they challenged the victors—the Alley Team—to a five-game Ten Pin match.

This was played off on July 22, but the Alley team were much too formidable, the Alley team winning by 196 pins. W. J. Balaski of U.S.S. Asheville took the place of F. P. Hollis for the Alley Team. The individual scores were as follows:—

ALLEY TEAM*

Total	3211
J. H. Watts 885	
Doc. Molthen 874	
W. J. Balaski 743	
S. A. Ismail 709	

ASHEVILLE

Total	3016
L. C. Garrett 857	
E. L. Wood 763	
C. J. Summers 739	
G. C. Merkel 656	

There were only two scores of 200 or over—which is rather unique in a match of this standing—Garrett for the Asheville registering one of them, the highest individual score of the match (221), and Watts bagging the other—exactly 200. The Alley Team's average per player per game was below their usual, working out at 160.5 pins, while that of the Asheville worked out at 150.75 pins per game per player.

Top score of the match was registered by J. H. Watts with a very useful 885 or an average of 177 pins per game. Doc. Molthen following very close behind with a total of 874 pins or an average of 175 pins per game.

L. C. Garrett for Asheville was the shining light for his side; he made third highest score with 857 pins or an average of 171 pins per game. For some unknown reason Ismail started off badly, he made a very lowly 109 pins on his first game, but brightened up to average exactly 150 pins per game for his remaining four games.

Merkel for Asheville was much below his usual form; he started off quite well to make 143 on his first game, and 162 on his second game, but then dropped completely away to make the very lowly scores of 121, 110, 111, on his third, fourth and fifth games.

As Asheville C.P.O.'s were much closer to the Alley team than I expected.

A Return Match

The Alley team having beaten Joe Harvey and his Asheville team on July 19 by 94 pins, a five-game Ten Pin return match was arranged for July 24. This match demonstrated the superiority of the Alley team, for on this occasion they won by no fewer than 388 pins. Asheville were without the ser-

vices of W. J. Balaski and Chief Petty Officer Wood took his place. The individual scores were as follows:—

ALLEY TEAM	ASHEVILLE
Total	Total
F. P. Hollis 940	Joe Harvey 809
Doc. Molthen 855	M. O. Gray 756
S. A. Ismail 794	C. G. Cunningham 728
J. H. Watts 786	E. L. Wood 694
3376	2987

F. P. Hollis for the Alley team was easily top scorer of the match with a brilliant 940 or an average of 188 pins per game; had he made another 10 pins he not only would have averaged 190 pins per game, but would also have received the two books of bowling tickets awarded by the Alley management to any player who makes 950 in a five-game Ten Pin match.

Doc. Molthen for Alley team was a good second with 855 pins, or an average of 171 pins per game. Joe Harvey for Asheville made 809 and would have been even better had he not lapsed on his second and fifth games to make a lowly 137 pins on each.

Ismail came back to his old form to make a good 794 or an average of 159 pins per game and I was impressed by his steady and consistent bowling.

Watts is so often at the head of the scoring list in any match that it was a surprise to all bowling fans to see him bottom scorer for the Alley team, with 786. It seems incredible!

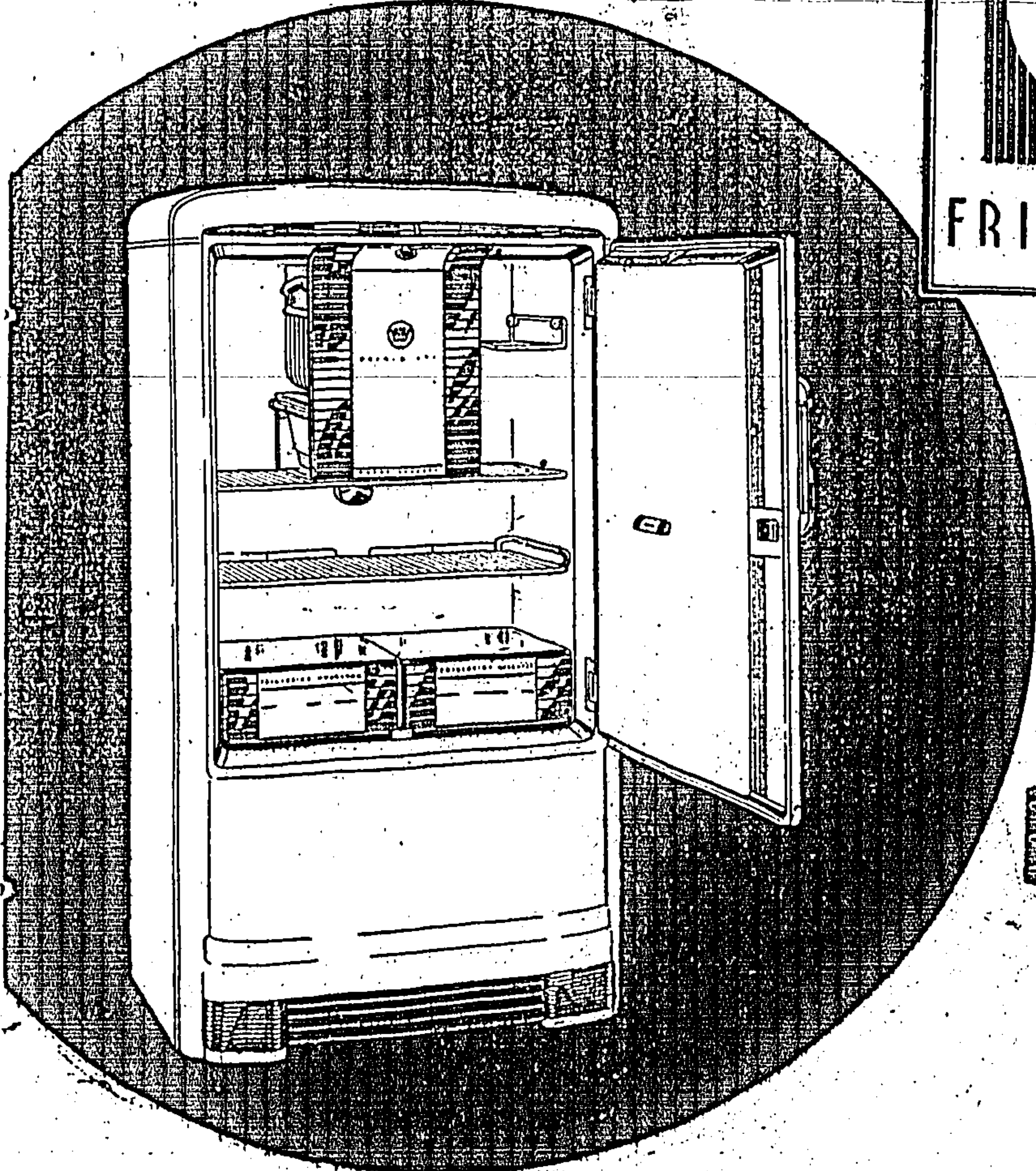
Neither Gray, with 756, or C. G. Cunningham, with 728, did as well as was expected of them, and Wood for Asheville was evidently not tuned to this match because his 694 was probably the lowest score he has ever put up.

Arising out of the above match and also from the fact that the Alley team beat the Asheville Chief Petty Officers on July 22, the Chief Petty Officers have challenged the Alley team to a return five-game Ten Pin match to be played this evening at 7.30 p.m., as the Chief Petty Officers are determined to wipe out their defeat of July 22; a good gathering is sure to be present.

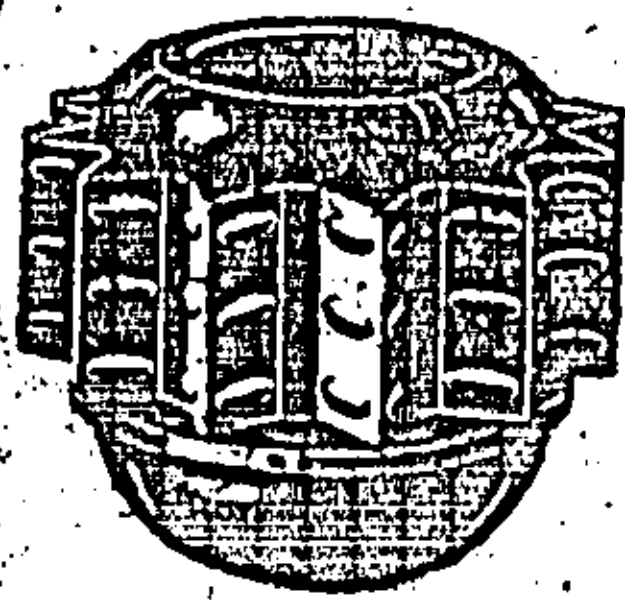
The record scores for the month up to writing these Jottings are as follows:—

TEN PINS	DUCK PINS
Ladies—Miss Ruby Tang 200	Ladies—Mrs. L. Deegan 102
Men's—F. P. Hollis 257	Men's—R. F. Pirrard 132

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RUMANIA UNDER THE AXE-IS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hungarian political quarters predict that Germany will force Rumania to accept Hungary's territorial claims. The Rumanian Premier and Foreign Minister have met Herr Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, at Salzburg to-day.

They will later go to Rome to confer with Mussolini.

After Ribbentrop has seen them, he will confer with the Bulgarian Premier and Foreign Minister, and it is presumed that this talk will chiefly revolve around Bulgaria's claim on Rumania.

After Rumania is carved up, Budapest circles believe she will enjoy security under the protection of Rome and Berlin. Hitler, it is said, is determined to have a full settlement of Balkan problems before launching a mass attack on England.

Budapest circles comment: "Germany is now Supreme Judge of the smaller South Europe states."—Havas.

"Routine Matter"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The departure of M. Virgil Tilea, Rumanian Ambassador in London, should not be interpreted as an action designed to rupture Anglo-Rumanian diplomatic relations, the Rumanian Embassy in London announced yesterday. M. Tilea's

HEAVY RAID ON HAIFA

About 100 civilian casualties occurred yesterday as the result of an air raid over half of Haifa, according to yesterday's war communique issued in Cairo.

The communique says: In Palestine yesterday enemy aircraft raided Haifa early in the morning and several thousand tins of kerosine and lubricating oil were set afire but the fire was brought under control and prevented from spreading by the early afternoon.

Civilian casualties numbered about 100 but there were no military casualties.

On other fronts there is nothing to report.—Reuter.

departure, it said, is a mere routine matter since the envoy's successor will be appointed within a few days.—Havas.

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"Hell" In Nazi Baltic Harbours

THE STOCKHOLM Communist newspaper "Ny Dag" publishes the following interview with a Swedish sailor returned from a journey to Baltic harbours.

Practically every night his ship was in a German harbour there were fearful bombardments. The Nazi war communiques lied, he said, when they claimed British bombardments had done very little damage.

The Germans doubtless score hits in England but it is absolutely certain that the English do not lag behind with their dive bombers.

The sailor saw "very hell" break loose on a midsummer evening when one lone British plane attacked.

The pilots knew their job — the Germans admit it themselves. On one occasion the British bombers came so rapidly that the air alarm was not sounded. They dropped flares and then dived on an aircraft factory.

Screams were heard as anti-aircraft batteries on the factory roof were swept away.

Direct Hit

A quarter of an hour later another flare, another dive and this time a direct hit. The factory burst into flames, destroying a large number of brand-new aircraft.

The English bombing continued for one and a half hours.

GREAT AIR BATTLE OVER CHANNEL

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from which to hurtle down in an attack on the convoy.

Two Waves

As they dived watchers on the shore could see the bombs falling from the racks. There were 27 attackers in the first wave and this was followed by another attack by a second wave of 27 which swept down in an almost perpendicular dive.

Shells burst all around the Germans as they attacked.

The German squadron leader, showing greater daring than any of the other attacking planes, soared down over the middle of a ship in the convoy and flattened out until his machine appeared to sit astride the masts when he released his bombs.

The raiders climbed steeply back and quickly repeated the attack.

Then "flaming onions" dotted the sky around them and they fled.

Two Downed

The British fighters closed in on them while they tried to reach the cover of clouds and after a crackle of machine-guns, several fell in flames into the sea.

Later bombers made a third attack on the convoy but this attack was quickly broken up.—Reuter.

Another Raid

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Germany suddenly intensified her air operations over Britain yesterday when 100 planes participated in a battle over the English Channel following a Nazi attempt to attack a British convoy.

Another German attack occurred against south-west England but the raiders were forced to turn back.—Havas.

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ANOTHER TYPHOON DEVELOPING

The Royal Observatory reports that Japan and the neighbouring seas are covered by the western extremity of the Pacific anticyclone.

A trough of low pressure extends from Tongking to the Carolines.

A typhoon is probably developing about 500 miles east of north Luzon.

AUSTRALIAN NAVAL MAN PASSES

The funeral of A. B. Bradbury, an Australian naval reservist who died in hospital to-day following an operation, took place at Happy Valley at 3 o'clock this afternoon with full naval honours.

Bradbury was a highly popular member of his ship's company and scores of magnificent wreaths were sent by his colleagues.

signalling to ships or aircraft; and entering or leaving the country at unauthorised ports.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Referring to the R.A.F.'s thousands of raids in three months, the "Daily Mail" this morning says the British air triumphs should strengthen our confidence but not lead us back into complacency.

Britain must go ahead with the intensive production of existing types in an effort to overtake German quantity but we must never overlook the need for improving our already high quality. We must always be a few moves ahead of Hitler.—Reuter.

Warning people against becoming excited about the forecast of Mr. Hearst, the American publisher, that the United States will be in the war within a year, and against complacency in general, the "Daily Herald" this morning says: "Let the ostriches bury their heads in the warm, soothing sand. The rest of us will not relax one iota of our preparedness, our vigilance and our resolution."—Reuter.

It is now stated in London that 23 German warplanes were destroyed yesterday. This is believed to be a record.

Private cable advices to husbands of Hong Kong evacuees in Manila who had been informed that they would leave for Australia on Sunday, state that the journey "down under" has been postponed and it is not now expected that the first batch will leave until August 3 or 4.

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The bride and groom—Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Stalton—at Tuesday's wedding in the St. John's Cathedral.



"Carefully does it!" seems to be this youngster's motto as his mother, one of those evacuated to Manila, helps him with his meal.



Messrs. Phillips and Davis during Monday's Pairs' Bowls Tourney at the C.S.C.



Mr. H. H. Munday driving off in the second Summer Singles at Happy Valley on Sunday.



Mr. J. E. Henson putting up a wood during the Open Pairs' Bowls Championship at the Civil Services' Club on Monday.



"Aussies" reading the latest war news shortly after contingents of Australian and New Zealand forces landed in Britain to help in the fight against Nazi-dom.

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Of Human Valour

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It has been described as a miracle; and certain factors of chance did undoubtedly operate in the Allies' favour. Calm seas and occasional mist on certain days were an advantage.

But wherein lay the miracle was the degree of stubborn courage attained by hundreds of thousands of quite ordinary men. Mere leadership, mere skill in organisation, could have achieved nothing without this mass resistance to the fear of death and an unquenchable belief in ultimate victory.

The tale of human valour outlines the causes that gave it birth, whether they are victories or reverses. The world's tragedy is that war brings it to its most splendid flower.

The chalk cliffs of Dover made a curiously tranquil background in the early morning sunlight, with

jackdaws cawing and circling, and the faint echoes of gunfire across the channel whispering about the escarpment.

Away to the westward, alongside the pier reaching out from what was once the Lord Warden Hotel, were the funnels and smoke of transports and a hospital ship. They were pouring ashore their khaki clad cargoes and stretcher cases, fruits of a night's desperate garnering, and long trains crammed with men were sliding along the foreshore into the haze.

But that was far away; one imagined rather than saw what was going on there. Here in the shadow of the cliffs were actualities; a destroyer limping in with a heavy list, splattered with splinter holes, making fast alongside to disembark hundreds of weary poilus, an armed trawler going out with a defiant toot of her siren, followed by a motor yacht painted grey.

The owner-skipper, in the uniform of the Volunteer Reserve, was cleaning a revolver with a silk bandana handkerchief. He hailed the crippled destroyer's bridge.

"What's it like over there this morning?" he shouted. It was

his first trip.

A bandaged figure replied with an impatient movement of his hand to his ears. He was probably deaf with gunfire and bomb explosions.

"Not so funny!" replied a man busy about a wire aft. "Not so bloody funny." The haze swallowed them.

There was another destroyer alongside. Her captain came out of his bridge cabin yawning.

He was hollow-eyed and unshaven, but he had had nearly two hours sleep while they patched some splinter holes in his funnel and filled up with ammunition. Two hours in four days.

He climbed up onto the compass platform and glanced fore and aft. Men were standing by the wires. The first lieutenant was looking up at him expectantly from the forecastle. The sun was on his face. He was twenty-five and smiling.

"All ready, Number One?"

The boy raised his hand. His teeth were very white in the sunburn of his face.

"Cast off! Slow astern starboard."

The Captain slipped the strap of his binoculars over his head and glanced back once at the cliffs and the fields beyond, where the young corn was green. Then he turned seaward, his face a mask.

"Well," he said to the Navigator, who was a sub-lieutenant, "We've got a nice day for it."

The look-out to port yelled the first alarm as they neared the beaches.

"Here they come," said the navigator grimly.

The foremost guns opened fire; the hot blast from their muzzles swept over the bridge; the multiple pom-pom joined in.

The Captain had his glasses levelled on the beaches. They looked like a holiday resort thronged by a vast dun-coloured motionless crowd. Fires were burning in the background under a pall of smoke.

He ignored the causes that made his own guns open fire. His immediate concern was the navigation of his ship in the treacherous shallows. The sea astern belched great columns of water into the air, and the ship lifted and fell again.

He was listening through the roar of the explosion for the next sounding from the leads-man in the chains. The ship was an easy target with barely steering way on her. She shook with the recoil of the guns like a nervous horse. There was a sudden bright flash and a cloud of smoke among the packed throngs ashore. Another bomb. The water was dark with men wading out waist deep.

He counted the ships inshore: three destroyers, their boats coming and going laden to the gun-wales, and their guns blazing skyward. Six trawlers, motor launches, motor boats . . . he lost count of them.

The army had contrived to drive some lorries into the sea during the night and so to build a sort of pier.

There was a trawler sinking to the westward in a cloud of steam and smoke. Well, they'd have to fend for themselves.

He glanced skyward where there was a dog-fight going on between some Spitfires and Heinkels. His guns ceased firing.

He nosed closer inshore. The destroyer to the eastward, her decks crammed with troops, was hoisting her boats and turning northward. Suddenly she began firing. A German bomber was coming down out of the sun in a low power dive.

A great yellow sheet of flame and a cloud of smoke and spray obliterated the destroyer. Hell's delirium. They'd hit her. The steam began pouring from her exhausts. The plane had vanished.

He gave his orders for turning to the rescue and then saw a sloop and a flotilla of motor yachts closing in on the stricken destroyer from the northward. They could look after the survivors. He turned again to the beaches and presently stopped and lowered his boats.

His steward brought him a cup of soup and placed it beside him on the chart table. The steward was a Maltese, a little man with a black jowl jutting out under a shrapnel helmet. His eyes were like an anxious spaniel's; his anxiety was not for himself but for his captain whose strength must be sustained with soup.

"Soup, Sir," he urged with gentle insistence. He had a stout black-eyed wife and seven children in Valletta, but he had forgotten them. The figure in the duffle coat, staring through glasses at the beaches was the centre of his

existence, held all his loyal heart.

"Ot soup. Better drink, Sir." The Captain watched the boats toiling shoreward. God, the men were tired! He began calculating the number of trips they would have to make.

A motor barge swung away from the improvised pier and came towards them, crowded with troops. That was better; now they could get on with it. More and more craft kept arriving from seaward. There was a rumble of gunfire out of the haze.

Something kept intruding on his consciousness. A low voice at his elbow. He turned. What was it? Soup? What d'you mean, soup? The steward indicated the cup. "Better drink it nice and hot, Sir." He smiled and drank absent-mindedly. "Thank you, Carlo."

The destroyer that had been bombed had grounded on a sandbank and lay over with her upper deck half awash. The

By "BARTIMEUS"

transfer of troops to the sloop and launches was going smoothly under a pall of smoke and steam.

Along his upper deck men were broaching tins of corned beef and cutting loaves into hunks in readiness for the soldiers. They had been days on the business; it was settling down into a fixed routine. The young Volunteer Reserve surgeon came out of the after superstructure where he had his casualty station, and lit a cigarette, staring shoreward.

Then a look-out shouted and the guns broke out again. The roar of the plane's engines . . . and then the screech of the bomb deafened them as it hurtled down.

The burst was like a flash of a fifteen inch gun ten feet away, annihilating thought and all sensation with a hell-hot blinding blast of steel fragments.

He picked himself up and held on to the chart table. His concern for the moment was the barge load of troops approaching. They were safe. The first boat had filled up and was pulling back.

There were splinter holes everywhere, but no much visible damage. The navigator was untouched; the lookouts and signalmen were disentangling themselves out of a confused heap of duffle coats and seaboots and shrapnel helmets, grinning sheepishly. Carlo was standing staring at something on the deck. He looked down and saw a crimson puddle. He was standing in it. A red puddle, spreading slowly.

The barge came alongside and the men of the Expeditionary force began climbing wearily over the rails.

His head nodded where he sat, conning his ship back through the minefields. Again and again he forced open his leaden eyelids with all the will power he possessed. It was bad enough to have to fight this overwhelming desire for sleep, this tyranny of weariness; but he had to fight the surgeon too. "Better come below, Sir," the youngster kept insisting; and now the first lieutenant joined in. "Let them carry you below, Sir."

But he was damned if he'd go below. He had a thousand men on board in his charge. A thousand exhausted soldiers who had fought a rearguard action against tanks and bombers for a fortnight. He looked down at the decks where they lay already asleep in the security of their trust in him.

This was the last phase of the rearguard action and before God you didn't fight it by going below. He told the surgeon so while the lad was fumbling for the tourniquet to ease it. Already he could see the cliffs of Dover.

The cliffs and the sea and the sky blurred and darkened. Carlo, who smelt faintly of garlic, had his arm round him, holding him upright.

The darkness deepened. Waves of faintness engulfed him.

"Tell them," he said, "to send more boats . . . more boats . . . because the pitcher . . . the pitcher that goes to the well . . ."

Then his chin dropped. The first lieutenant and the surgeon tried to lift him down from where he hung across the binnacle.

"No, no," insisted Carlo passionately. "I take him. I take his body, Sir. Give him to me."

The yacht club telephone rang and the elderly steward, unaccustomed to the sound of it, laid down his paper, removed his spectacles, and picked up the receiver. A

man's voice spoke authoritatively for about a minute.

The steward said nothing. He was an old navy man, and had been a pensioner for a quarter of a century, but he recognised the note in the speaker's voice. He waited till the end of the message.

"Aye, aye, Sir," he said, and then added: "There's only the one yacht here now, sir. The 'Wanderer'. Motor yacht, forty feet long. There's no crew, Sir. Owner's fighting in France. There's a young lady on board at this moment."

The voice interrupted him. He listened, turning the spectacles over in his knotted fingers, staring into vacancy.

"Aye, aye Sir. I'll do what I can. Old Navy man myself. They said I was too old to fight."

There was no answer. "Hullo, Sir? Silence. He replaced the receiver."

The 'Wanderer' was lying at her buoy and there was no sign of the girl. He untied the dinghy lying at the jetty and rowed alongside. At the sound of the oars as he boated them the girl's head and shoulders appeared above the companionway. She was flushed and had a scrubbing brush in her hand.

"They want her, miss," he said simply. "They rung up from the Admiralty. Proceed to Ramsgate for orders. They're taking every craft on the south coast."

She brushed a lock of hair back from her damp forehead with her forearm. "I'm single handed," she said. "Can you run the engine if I steer?"

"You, miss?" He hadn't thought of that.

She's full up with petrol. There's water, too, and some stuff in tins to eat. Bring some bread."

"You know what its for, don't you, miss? They won't let a woman."

"They needn't know" was the girl's answer. She stood motionless, thinking. The ebb tide running past the strakes of the dinghy made a little chuckling noise in the stillness.

"Bring a couple of shrapnel helmets . . . Get them from the A.R.P. people . . . What about Johnnie?"

"Johnnie?" He turned that over in his mind. Johnnie was simple, but he was useful in a boat. Ashore he just sat and played with pebbles, but put him in a boat and he was all there. The club employed him to ferry people to their yachts and for attending to the moorings and odd jobs like scraping and painting. He didn't speak very plain, but after all it wasn't talk they wanted on the beaches of Dunkirk.

Another aspect of the situation occurred to him. She seemed to take it for granted he was coming. "What about the club, miss? I'm the caretaker and steward."

She had emerged from her reverie. "The Club? What the hell does the club matter?" He grinned, showing tobacco stained fangs. "You've said it, miss. Give me half an hour."

When he was half way across to the jetty she hailed him again. Her clear voice was like a boy's. "Johnnie will want a shrapnel helmet too."

He nodded; she went below and fell to mopping up the mess on the cabin floor. She had decided to give the boat a scrub out because it occupied her mind which, having had no word from France for three weeks, was inclined to imagine things.

This was where they had spent the happiest hours of his leave. The happiest hours of their lives. And now, for all she knew, he was waiting on those hellish beaches, one of all those thousands of exhausted men, waiting under shell and machine-gun fire for succour from England.

She flung the mop and scrubber into the bucket and jerked open a drawer. There was all his old kit; grey flannel trousers, sweater, an old shooting jacket, a yellow muffler. She would push her hair up under the shrapnel helmet . . . His pipes stuck in a rack over his bunk caught her eye. That would be the finishing touch. Keep one of those in her mouth when they got to Ramsgate, and talk gruff. She selected a blackened bull-dog and experimented in front of the glass. It tasted utterly foul.

Coming down channel they overtook a convoy of motor yachts and followed them. She had the chart open in front of her but the daylight was fading and there were no lights anywhere she could recognise. She had never entered Ramsgate from seaward. Only from the railway station, once as a child, carrying her doll and a spade and bucket, in charge

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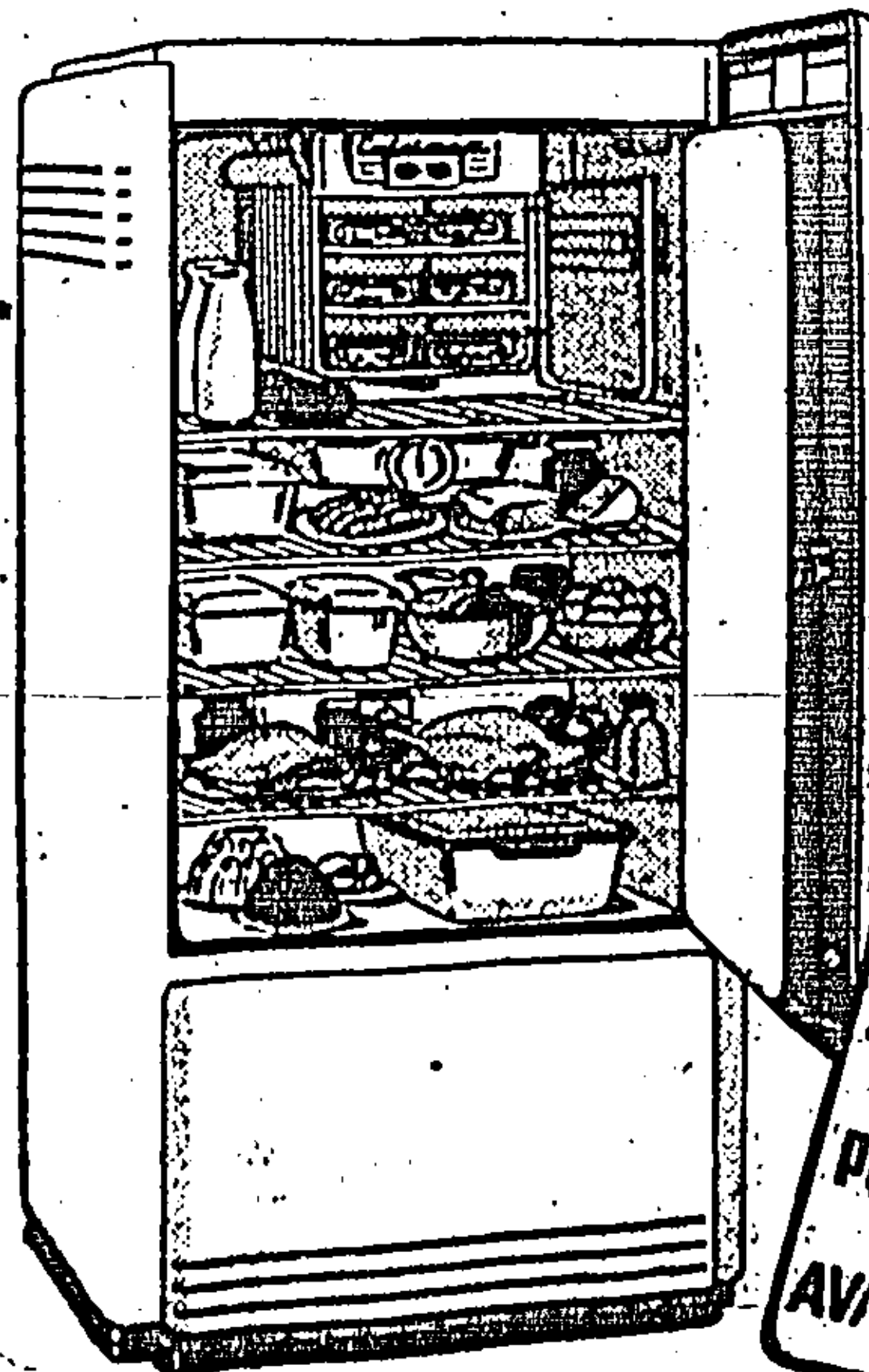
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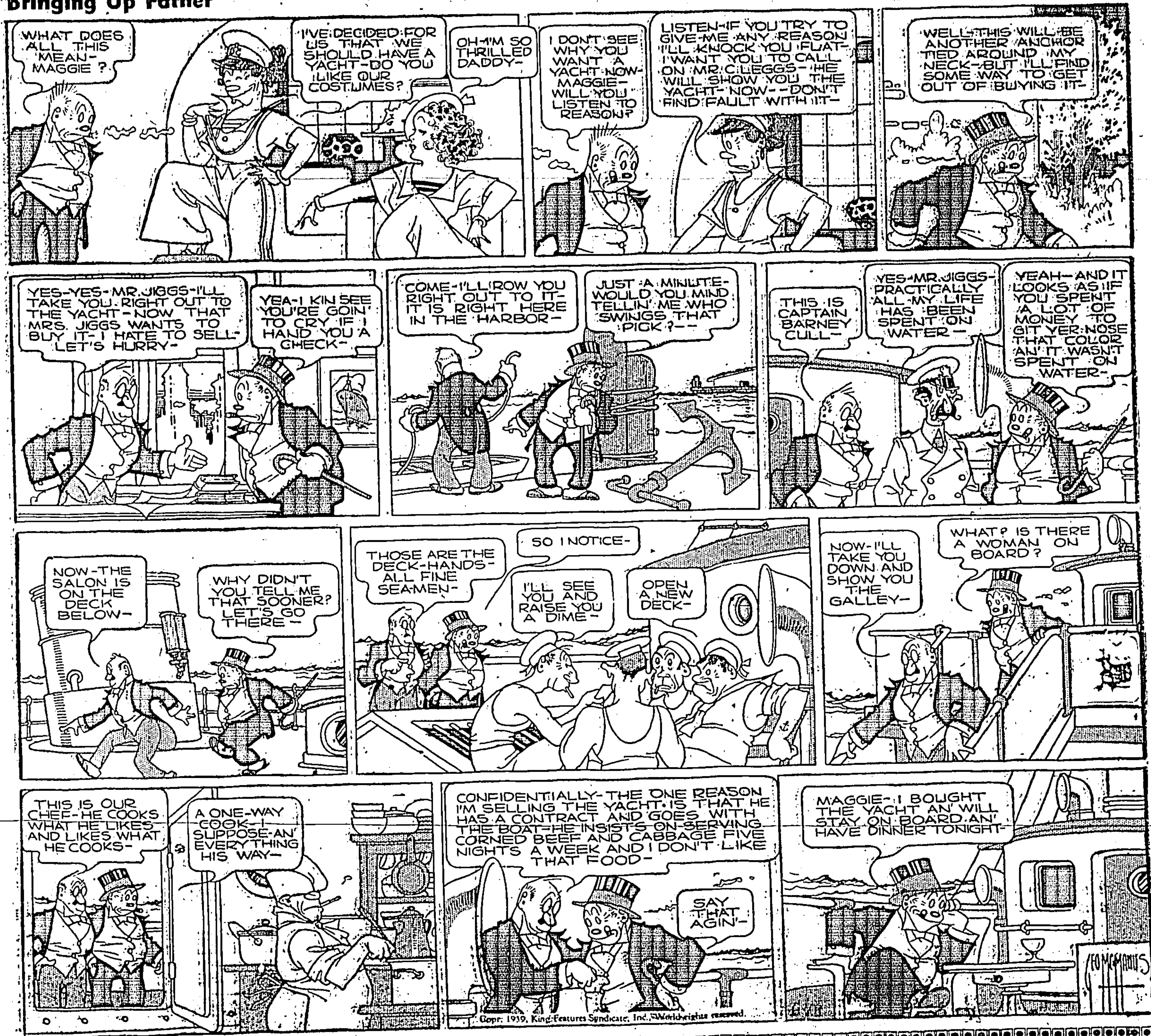
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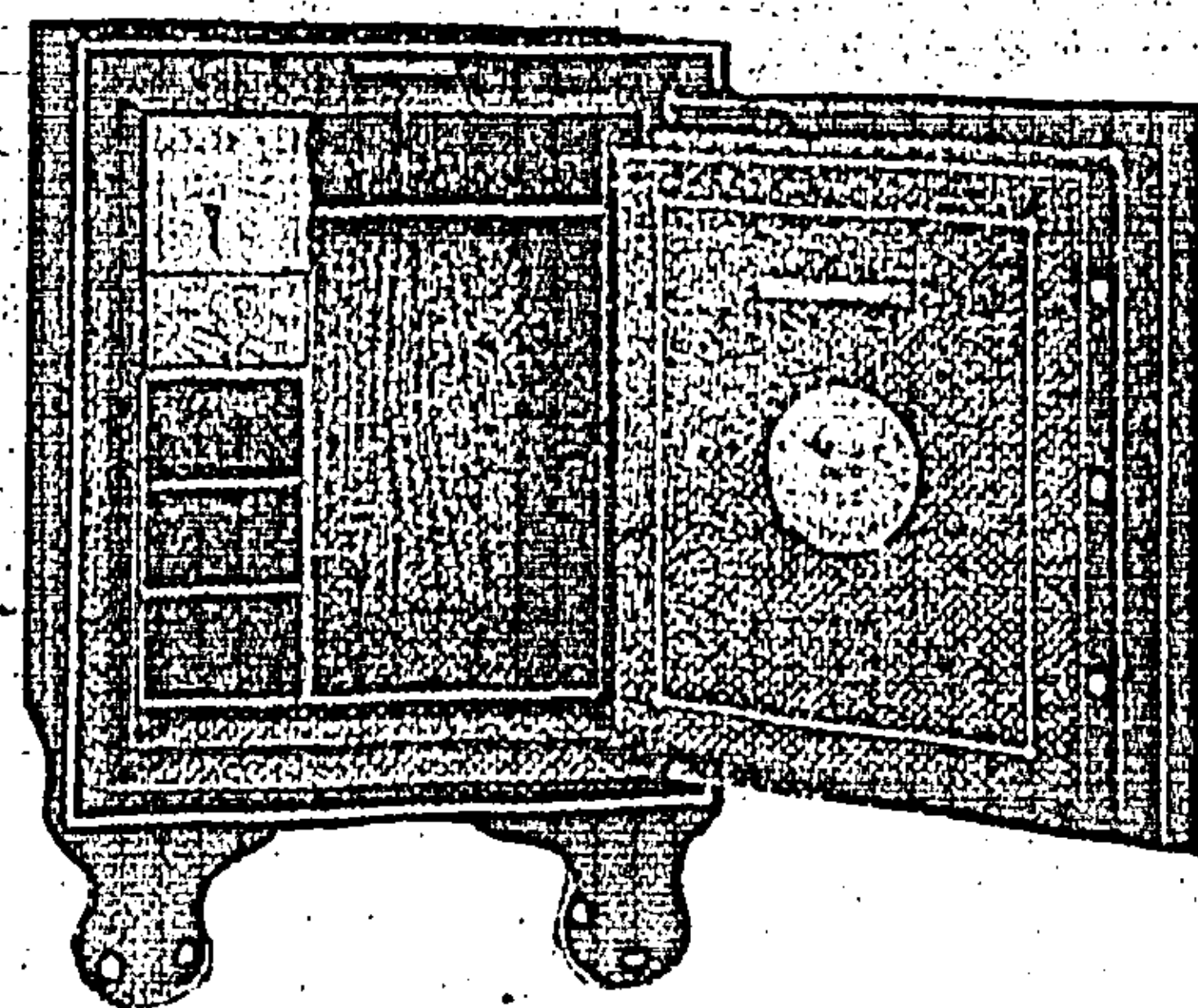
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Of Human Valour

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of her nurse.

She listened to the drone of the engine with satisfaction.

Old Ferris had been a mechanic when he served in the Navy. It wasn't so good at the start, but he was enjoying himself down in the engine room now he had picked up the hang of the thing. Every now and again he put his head out of the hatch with his spectacles on the end of his nose. "Running as sweet as a nut, miss," he announced.

"Bravo," she answered.

Johnnie sat in the bows staring at the evening star. She tried to remember why she had brought Johnnie. He worshipped her like a dog, but that wasn't the reason. It was because she felt she had no right to take an able-bodied man from his work in England; and on the spur of the moment she could think of nobody on the spot who was as handy in the boat. He and she used to take Johnnie away for the weekend sometimes. Johnnie washed up and looked after the boat when they went ashore. She was one of the few people who understood what he said. He turned his head and smiled at her at that moment. It was the slow, confident smile of a child. He hadn't the remotest idea where he was going. He didn't care. He just trusted her. She felt a swift pang of compunction, and stifled it, giving him back his smile. Reassured, he resumed his contemplation of the star.

She climbed ashore in the dusk. The awful pipe clenched between her teeth, and was confronted by a man in the uniform of a Lieutenant Commander.

"What ship?"

"Wanderer." Nobody had ever called the 'Wanderer' a ship before. He would have liked that.

"What is she?"
"Forty foot motor cruiser."
"Armed?"

She shook her head. Other owners of yachts were crowding round asking for orders.

He glanced at her shrapnel helmet.

"Well, you'd better collect some rifles and life belts. First aid outfit too, if you haven't got it."

"Then what?" She stuck her hands in her trouser pockets, making her voice as gruff and laconic as possible.

"La Panne. Time it so as to get there in the dawn. Take off all you've got room for each trip and transfer them to something bigger. Stick it as long as you can, and good luck." He indicated a gap in the barbed wire, where she supposed there were rifles and lifeboats obtainable, and dismissed her from his mind.

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She went back to the edge of the jetty and hailed old Ferris. The harbour was crammed with the dim forms of boats manoeuvring for berths alongside. Beside her on the pier head was a soldier with a Bren gun mounted on a tripod.

"Ferris," she called down to the 'Wanderer'. "Come ashore with me and collect some rifles and lifebelts." The soldier sidled up beside her.

"Here skipper," he muttered. "rifles ain't no use. Take me and this Bren gun. Wait till its dark and I'll slip down and come along with you. They won't miss me till I'm back."

She grinned delightedly. He would know about rifles too. She had never fired one in her life. "All right," she whispered. "What's your name?"

"Tanner's the name, skipper. You're a sport." She felt a bit of a sport.

The sky-line was like the edge of the Pit. To the westward the oil tanks of Dunkirk were a sullen blaze that every now and again leaped upwards like the eruption of a volcano as a shell burst in the flaming inferno. Fires glowed dully along the coast, and shore batteries blinked white flashes that reached the ear as dull reverberations like distant thunder. The searchlights wheeled about the low-lying clouds into which tracer shells were soaring.

They had solved the problem of navigating to La Panne by following a paddle steamer that had half a dozen life boats in tow. The whole night was full of the sound of motor boats' exhausts. There was a young moon peeping in and out of the drifting clouds and it revealed the indistinct lines of little craft far and wide, heading in the same direction.

Johnnie sat entranced by the spectacle, crowding huskily at intervals. Tanner, having mounted his Bren gun in the stern, gave her a relief at the wheel. He said it was much the same as driving a car. She practised loading the rifle under his tuition. Old Ferris visited them at intervals, calling her "Skipper." It didn't matter what Johnnie called her, because nobody could understand what he said.

"You're a bit young for this game, eh, skipper?" asked Tanner. "How old are you?"

"About a hundred," she replied with a gruff laugh. And in that moment, before the dawn of hell's delight, she felt it.

The dawn came slowly, revealing the small craft of the south

coast of England, covering the Channel like waterbeetles on the surface of a pool. Pleasure steamers and yachts, barges, scoots, sherries, lifeboats, motor boats, rowing boats and canoes.

Fishermen, yachtsmen, long-shoremen, men who had never been afloat in their lives, millionaires and the very poor, elderly men and lads in their teens, answering in a headlong rush the appeal for boats. Boats for the Beaches and the last of the Expeditionary Force.

Somehow she hadn't thought about the dead. Her thoughts were entirely occupied with the living. It wasn't till Johnnie began making queer noises of distress and pointing down into the shallow water that she saw them. The men who had been machine-gunned in the shallows, wading out into the water to reach security. They were still there, some floating, some submerged; in an odd way they seemed to convey resentment at the disturbance of their oblivion by the passing keels.

She called Johnnie to her side. "Take the lead-line and sound over the bows. Call the soundings. Nothing else matters. Do you understand, Johnnie? No thing else matters. I am here."

He made guttural noises, pointing at Tanner who was blazing away with the Bren gun at a Heinkel overhead that had bombed a trawler astern of them. She held him with her eyes. "Nothing else matters, do you understand?" He picked up the lead-line and went forward obediently. She put her lips to the voice pipe. "Go very slow, Ferris."

"Go very slow" repeated the old man.

She crept inshore. The beach was pitted with shell craters out of which men came running, wading out into the water to meet them. From the sand dunes more men stumbled, helping the wounded. The whole foreshore was alive with men and boats, and the smoke from the Dunkirk fires flowed over them like a dark river.

At three and a half feet she would stop. It was the least they could float in. She listened to the strange cries Johnnie emitted as he hauled in the dripping lead-line, understanding them perfectly.

Presently, her mouth to the voice pipe, she gave the order to stop. Tanner was having trouble with the Bren gun and swearing in a ceaseless flow of incomprehensible blasphemy. Old Ferris, complete in shrapnel helmet and life belt, climbed out of his hatch and came towards her, lighting his pipe.

"They said I was too old to fight, but—"

"Get back. We're in four feet. I must keep working the engines." A bomb burst among the men wading towards them. She shut her eyes for a moment. "Keep on sounding, Johnnie. What water have you got?" "Frighaph-ah," crowed Johnnie.

"Good boy. Keep it going." The Bren gun broke out afresh. Tanner, having cleared the jam, opened fire again, chanting oaths like a denunciatory psalm. "Slow astern, Ferris."

Another cluster of men wading to their arm pits had reached them.

Johnnie looked back at her and pointed at their sun-scorched, puffing faces. No doubt existed in his mind that it was all something to do with his lead-line achievements. He was delighted. Somewhere out of sight a German field-gun battery opened fire, the shells whistling viciously overhead.

She searched every face as they came splashing and gasping towards her and somehow contrived to hoist each other inboard.

She took sixty or seventy at a trip and transferred them to the nearest vessel lying out in the deep water; she had hitherto believed that the utmost capacity of the 'Wanderer' was a dozen.

Backwards and forwards they went under exploding bombs, under machine-gun fire and whining shells.

Tanner ran out of ammunition and they went alongside a destroyer where he got another case and a spare barrel for the Bren gun.

She lost all count of time, all fear, all feeling. Sometimes she interrogated weary men; had they seen his unit; had they ever heard his name. They shook their heads and begged for water. She had none left.

Then suddenly it seemed that the beaches were empty. Unknown to her, the men were being marched westward to Dunkirk where the French and British destroyers were crowding alongside the mole and embarking troops in thousands under shell fire. Except for a few scattered units moving west, the beaches were empty. The task was done; but he said.

where was he—Oh God, where was he. . . . ?

The Bren gun had been silent for a long time, but she hadn't noticed. Now, turning to look seaward, she saw Tanner lying beside it with his knees screwed up into his belly. She ran aft and knelt beside him.

His eyes sought hers out of his grey face. "I bought it, skipper. Sorry. . . . Got a drop of water?"

She raised his head and held it against her breast. "There isn't any water left."

His eyes were suddenly puzzled. He moved his head sideways a little and then smiled, and died, ineffably content.

They followed a big grey coaster back to Dover. Old Ferris got a spare red ensign out of the locker and tucked Tanner up in it. He didn't mind Tanner being killed, having been disposed to regard him jealously as an intruder into a nice little family party. Moreover he disapproved of his language. He walked forward to the wheel house.

She was moving the spokes of the wheel slowly between her blistered hands. Her shrapnel helmet lay on the chart beside the valiant briar pipe. She was aware of the old man beside her and of having reached the end of her tether at one and the same moment.

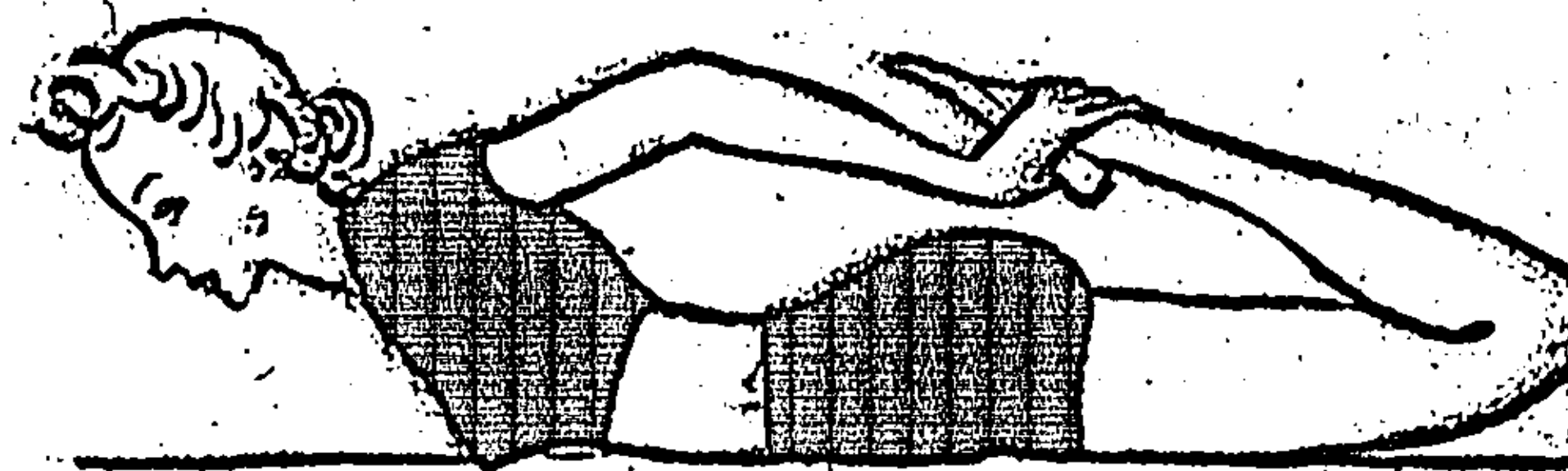
Old Ferris kicked Johnnie, asleep at her feet, into wakefulness. "Take the wheel," he said gruffly, and held her as she pitched, sobbing and exhausted, into his arms.

They berthed alongside the Admiralty pier and she climbed ashore to find someone who could give them fuel and water. The quays were thronged with troops in thousands being fed and sorted out into units and entrained. A hospital ship was evacuating wounded into fleets of ambulances. She stepped aside to give room to the bearers of a stretcher, and glanced at the face on the pillow.

He had a bandage round his head and opened his eyes suddenly on her face.

"I've been looking for you," she announced in a calm matter of fact tone. She felt no emotion whatever.

He smiled. "Well, here I am."



This rocking exercise is an all-round reducing movement to be done when body has been limbered.

How To Reduce Hips

Now is always the time to begin a daily hip-reducing routine.

Rubbing and bumping exercises are the most effective for quick hip-reducing. So begin with them:

1—Sit cross-legged and sway the body from side to side, trowing over on the upper part of your buttocks. This reduces other parts of the body as well. Sway back and forth in rhythm for three minutes.

2—Next sit with back erect, legs extended and palms placed back of you for support. By using your abdominal muscles as the motive power, slide back and forth with your hips. You will find that you will travel across the room in little jerks as you roll back and forth. Roll for fifty times.

3—Lie on one side and balance yourself with your elbows. Place the fatty part of your hip or buttock which needs reducing on the floor. Then rub it against the floor in a firm massage by letting the body move lengthwise rhythmically. Relax the body as much as possible and count a "one-two" slow massage. Turn and massage the opposite hip or buttock.

FOR THIGH REDUCING The three exercises above all help to reduce the thighs but if

upper thighs are very heavy you will have to do the famous old bicycle exercise at least five minutes each day in addition.

Lie on your back, legs extended. Slowly raise both legs in the air and pedal them up and down as if you were riding a bicycle. Do this as rapidly as you can, pausing once in a while for fresh breath. In time try to do the same exercise by balancing yourself on your shoulders supported only by placing your hands on your hips. That gives you quick results in slimming the hip measurement!

THE ROCKING EXERCISE

Now after a couple of moments' relaxation, lie on your stomach and extend your arms and legs. Stretch. Relax and stretch again reaching up as much as you can, and pushing your feet down as far as possible. Relax. Now bend knees and point toes toward your shoulders. Reach back and grasp both ankles. Keep head and chest up and rock back and forth on your stomach. Relax and repeat. This particular exercise is splendid for reducing and for strengthening your spine. It should be done last in the routine because your body should be limbered before you attempt to rock. It strengthens your abdominal muscles which helps to correct poor posture and slim hips depends upon good posture too!



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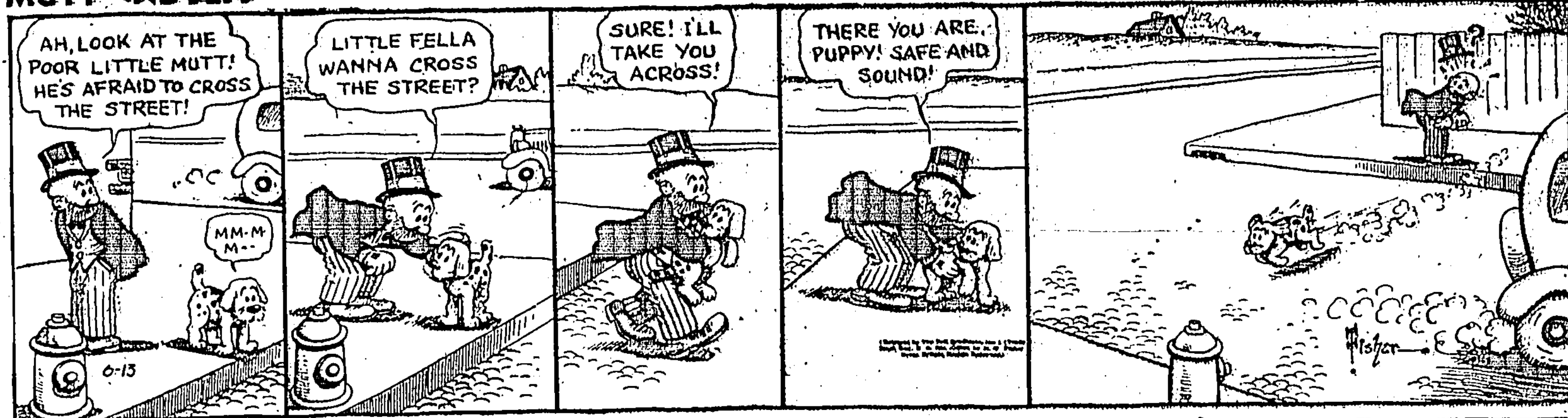
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Smart Coiffure For Gray Hair

Just because your hair is gray is no reason to feel your attractiveness has diminished. In fact, silver-gray or white hair can be so striking that it should be considered a beauty asset. But it must be thoroughly groomed and smartly set in an attractive and appropriate coiffure.

Hair which has lost its pigment tends to be dry, so you should have a corrective oil treatment before each shampoo to keep it in condition. And one hundred sweeping strokes with a narrow stiff-bristled brush each day does wonders in preserving a natural sheen. On the other hand, if your scalp happens to be oily, you should use a corrective tonic daily to keep the hair fluffy.

GOOD PERMANENT

The gray-haired woman must take certain precautions when she



This ingenious new coiffure achieves a becomingly youthful effect by emphasizing the shape of the head. The hair is drawn softly up and back from the face and arranged in soft sculptured curls. The back hair is curled close to the head to give that is flattering under a hat or for formal occasions.

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"Perhaps you need a series of balsam oil treatments to preserve the elasticity of your hair before your permanent. These should be followed by a balsam oil permanent wave. A special silver tint lotion must be used, in correct proportion, to keep the true gray tone of your hair. As gray hair discolours easily we take these precautions. Unless your hair is in perfect, healthy condition do not have a permanent for brittle hair, though curled is not manageable."

HOW TO DRESS YOUR HAIR

His same stylist also cautions gray-haired women against dressing their hair in elaborate coiffures. "Extreme hair styles are not for gray or white hair. Modified versions of current styles are far smarter and create a youthful effect for the face. There are three styles I recommend which are distinctive and flattering.

One is a modification of the bustle-coiffure. The hair is cut to a four-inch length all over the head and curled. The side hair is brushed up and away from the face to give dignity, and softly waved bangs are arranged over the forehead—no tight curls, but deeply waved bangs which are immensely flattering. The back hair is curled close to the head following its natural shape. It appears to be 'done up' so sleek is the back hair line."

"For the woman who likes the comfort and smartness of short hair another coiffure emphasizes the contour of her head. This is done with a suggestion of a swirl in back which falls into deeper waves at the sides. A group of soft sculptured curls are set high in front (as shown in photograph). These curls are worn flat during the day and brushed out for a more striking formal effect for evening."

IF YOUR HAIR IS LONG

"For the woman who has long hair a smart hair-do is achieved by parting the hair low on one side, drawing it smoothly around the head to the part where it is fastened securely. The ends are curled into a soft roll. Shorter strands of hair from the lower side of the part are drawn to the back, crossing the other hair and tucked under in a smooth flat, side roll. The crossed arrangement in back is striking."

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"Well—I must confess I didn't expect to see you chopping trees this morning and smoking a

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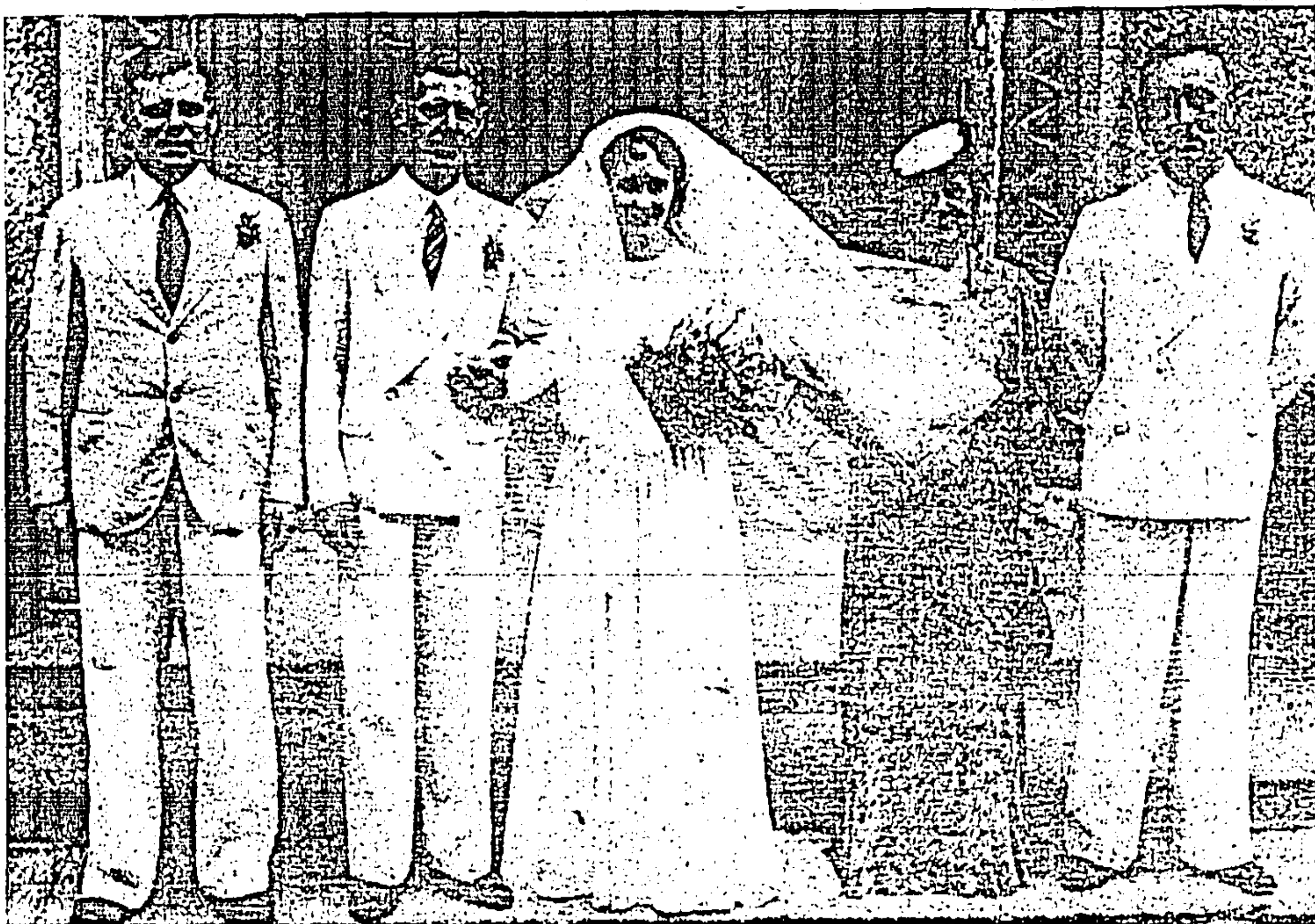




"Come and Get It!" was the cry at one Manila evacuee camp that these folks heard—and they did.



Mr. Harris at the Open Pairs' Bowls Championship at the Civil Services' Club on Monday.



Photograph taken after the wedding of Mr. T. F. Stalnton and Miss D. E. M. Wilson in St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday.



An action-shot of Mr. R. K. Valentine, taken during Saturday's Summer Foursomes at Happy Valley.



(Left) — An Important moment during the Pairs' Bowls Tourney on Monday at the C.S.C.C.

(Right) — The first Canadian destroyers arrive in England. The C-in-C. talking to Lt. Cmdr. J. C. Hibbard, commanding H. M. C. S. Skeena.

